

A pixel art character of Mega Man, wearing his signature blue armor and helmet, holding a blue buster sword. He is standing on a grey ground against a solid blue background.


Hi there.  
I'm Mega Man.

A pixel art character of Mega Man, wearing his signature blue armor and helmet, holding a blue buster sword. He is standing on a grey ground against a solid blue background.

I'm here to tell you  
that Bob and George  
won't be ready today.

A pixel art character of Mega Man, wearing his signature blue armor and helmet, holding a blue buster sword. He is standing on a grey ground against a solid blue background.

Tomorrow's not  
looking good either.

A pixel art character of Mega Man, wearing his signature blue armor and helmet, holding a blue buster sword. He is standing on a grey ground against a solid blue background.

So, until then,  
me and my friends  
will entertain you.

See you  
tomorrow...

Hey, you!  
Hold it right there!



Yeah, um, you...  
You're in big trouble...



So, um, er... Just, ah,  
give up and make this  
easy on both of us...



Oh, my, but this is  
going to hurt...



Well, folks, I got  
some bad news.

Bob and George has been  
delayed until April 15th.

Seems the author doesn't  
know how to draw.

So, the Mega Man gang  
will be around a while  
longer.

See you  
tomorrow...

Speaking of April 15th,  
I get the feeling I'm  
forgetting something...



Did you  
do your  
taxes?

Of course!  
How dumb do  
you think I am?







Hold it right there!  
Don't make me shoot!



Hold it right there!  
Don't make me shoot!



Man I hate these  
new regulations...





charging... charging...  
charging... charging...



charging... charging...  
charging... charging...



Man, I just love  
working for a  
mad scientist!



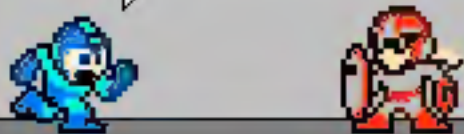
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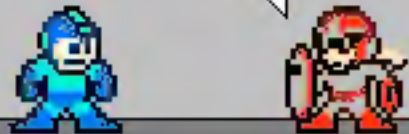
Very strange indeed...



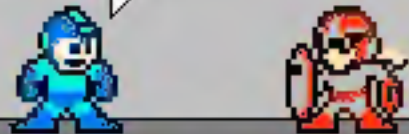
Proto Man, help!  
Something really  
weird has happened!



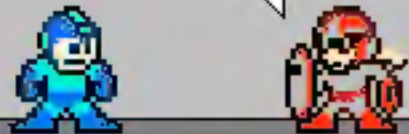
Hmmm. Looks like  
you've been reduced  
to eight bits...



What?! But what  
can this mean??



It must mean that  
the strip is going  
into an origins story.



Dr. Wily!  
Come here!

Behold! My latest  
creation Proto Man!

Oh my!  
He's waking up ..

Unnnh.. huh what?  
Santa Claus and  
Albert Einstein??





So why do I have this  
blaster and shield?  
Am I some type of  
crimefighter?

Oh no you're  
my butler

WHAT?!

What do you mean  
I'm your butler?

Actually you're  
more of a maid



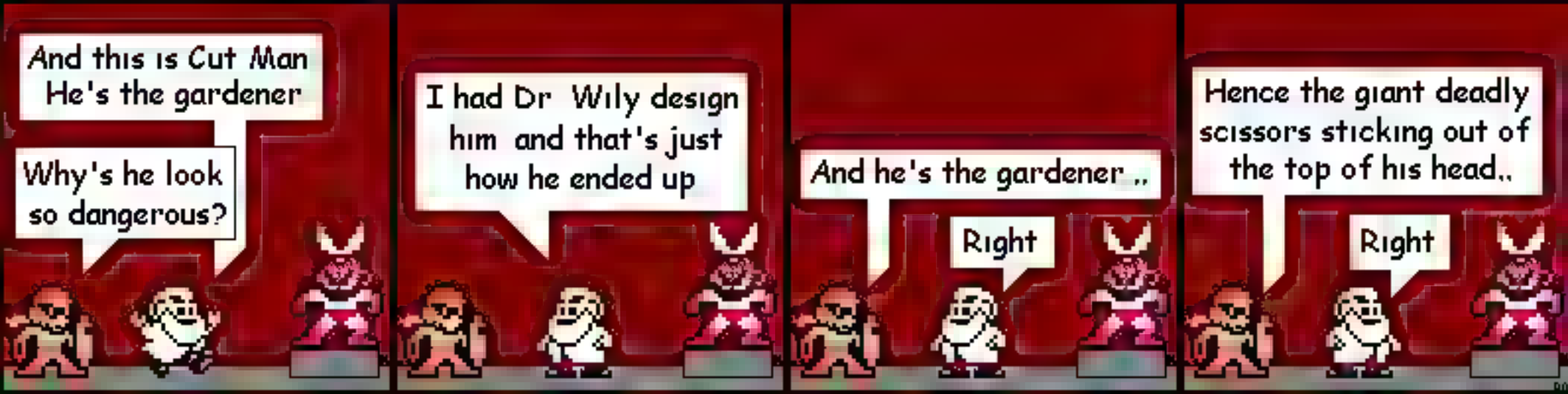
What?! But then  
why do I have this  
blaster and shield?

Just in case the  
gardener goes crazy



Are you sure  
you created me?





And this is Cut Man  
He's the gardener

Why's he look  
so dangerous?

I had Dr Wily design  
him and that's just  
how he ended up

And he's the gardener..

Right

Hence the giant deadly  
scissors sticking out of  
the top of his head..

Right

Okay Proto Man  
I want you to go to the  
kitchen and get me a  
soda from the fridge

Um .. Hey where's  
the fridge?

It's that big  
gray block in  
front of you

Oh there  
it is

Fridge  
↓





Um ..

The comic strip consists of four panels. In the first panel, a red alien with a backpack stands on the left, looking at a blue alien who is behind a counter. The blue alien is inside a white rectangular frame. In the second panel, the blue alien is speaking. In the third panel, the blue alien is handing a red can to the red alien. In the fourth panel, the red alien is holding the can and looking at the blue alien, who is now holding a red lantern.

I'm Ice Man I keep  
the stuff in here cold  
You want a soda?

Here you go  
Oh close the door  
it's hot out there

Is it really a good  
idea to keep a weapon  
of mass destruction  
cooling your sodas?

A few seconds later

Urp.. Okay go throw this out



Oh God



Hi



Let me guess you're the garbageman..



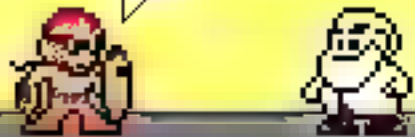
Yep



I gotta get out of here



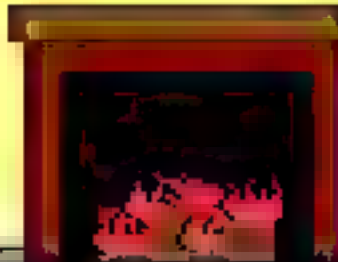
Dr Light don't you think it's a bad idea to have these dangerous robots running around?



I mean I understand you having Elec Man powering your TV..



..and Fire Man keeping the fire going ..




..but what the hell is Bomb Man good for?

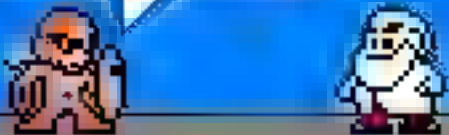
I must a love machine



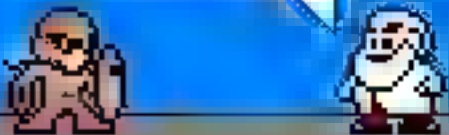




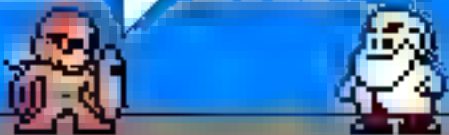
Well Proto Man if  
you really want to  
leave and go fight  
crime go ahead



Are you sure?  
If you want me  
to stay I will



Oh that's okay  
I'll just build another  
robot It's just a  
hassle that's all



Great Nothing makes  
you feel special like  
your creator saying  
he's going to build  
another one of you

So Proto Man I hear  
you're going to leave us

That's right



Yes! With that  
meddlesome robot  
out of the way my  
plans for world  
domination can begin!



I'll activate the evil  
programming in the  
robots and use them  
to conquer the WORLD!!



Dr Wily I'm  
still here ..



Crap

So .. you're not going to tell Dr Light about my evil plans?



Nope It'll do him some good to learn that his robots might be used for evil purposes



Besides I'm sure he's planning on making a robot to replace me that will be able to easily defeat you ..



Maybe Proto Man's right All right no weapons or armor ..



THAT'S IT!!



I'VE HAD  
ENOUGH!



And I'm not  
going to take it!



Dramatic isn't it?



What the hell is  
wrong with this guy!?



He said April 15th  
and here it is  
April 22nd and no  
Bob and George




That's it! I've had  
it with this crap!




I'm outta here!  
And I'm not  
coming back!




A comic strip panel showing two pixelated characters. On the left is Proto Man, a blue robot with a red visor and a red flower on his chest. On the right is a blonde girl with short hair, wearing a red dress and a red flower on her chest. She is speaking to him.


So Proto Man how's  
the strip going?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. Proto Man is on the left, and the blonde girl is on the right, speaking to him.

Pretty good actually  
Mega Man's about to  
make his appearance

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. Proto Man is on the left, and the blonde girl is on the right, speaking to him.

Speaking of Mega Man  
where did he go?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. Proto Man is on the left, and the blonde girl is on the right, speaking to him.

I don't know He was  
yelling about something  
and then just took off

DA

Where's Mega Man?  
It's time for his scene

Um we can't  
find him..



What!? What do you  
mean you can't find him?  
We can't do the comic  
strip without him!!



Don't worry it's okay  
We found a temporary  
replacement for him




I changed as  
fast as I could



Oh my God..





Proto Man what  
do you think  
you're doing?

A four-panel comic strip featuring Proto Man and Dr. Wily. In each panel, Proto Man is on the left, holding a blue book and a yellow pencil, and Dr. Wily is on the right, wearing a white lab coat and a red bow tie. The background is a teal wall with a grey floor. The panels show a conversation where Proto Man asks a question, Dr. Wily gives a long-winded answer, and Proto Man responds with a short, dismissive remark.

I'm here to fill  
in for Mega Man

But we've clearly  
established that  
Mega Man won't have  
any weapons or armor

Besides you look  
really stupid,



Look if you just give  
me your blaster and  
shield maybe this  
can work out ..



No way man!  
Get your hands  
off my blaster!



BLAM-  
MMO!!



Oh shit





We here at Bob  
and George want our  
younger audience to  
know that violence  
is never the answer



And that Proto Man  
killing Dr. Light was an  
accident though it may  
seem otherwise ..



Umm.. Mega Man?  
Aren't you supposed  
to be missing?



Yeah? Well  
eat this bitch!



Aaahhh!!



Damnit! Stop  
moving so much!  
I can't hit you!



But Mega Man what  
about your message  
about violence?



Huh?  
Oh right..



And one more  
thing ice cream  
is bad for you





Okay let's try  
this again  
Behold!



# POOF!



Tada...



Poof?



It was the  
best I could  
do on such  
short notice

A four-panel comic strip featuring three pixelated characters: a blonde girl in a red dress, Mega Man in his signature blue and red armor, and a boy in a blue shirt and purple pants. The background is a solid teal color.

Mega Man?

No ..

I am the being that  
controls your every  
thought and movement!

Who?

I'm the author of  
this comic strip!

Oh so you're  
the hack to blame  
for this mess

So author of this strip what exactly are you doing here?



I am here to put right what once went wrong to fix what once was broken ,



..to correct the errors that never should have been to do my duty that I have been chosen to do



I am here to..

Hey where'd they go?





Hey where did you  
two go? I was in the  
middle of something



Sorry we  
thought you  
were done



I wasn't  
It was  
important



Okay what  
was it?



Um..



Sigh.. My ice  
cream's melting



So what wrongs  
have you come  
to make right?



WHAT?! You've  
forgotten already?



HIM!!



Oh right

I didn't do it!



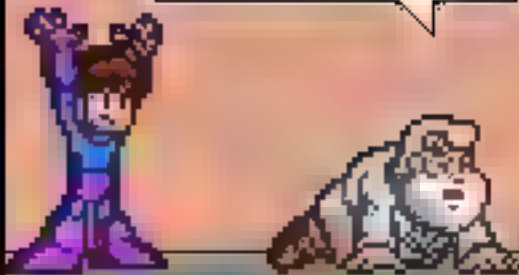
Now just stand  
back and watch me  
work my magic!



Klaatu, Barada,  
Niktoll



Oh my head,,  
What happened?



Oh my Mega Man's  
back, Now we can  
continue the strip!

Oh no,,



I'm not Mega Man  
and I don't want to  
be part of this strip



Perhaps but Mega Man  
isn't here and the  
readers will never  
know the difference



I said NO!  
Now get the hell  
away from me!!



GET HIM!!

Damn it



Look we just need  
someone to fill in until  
Mega Man comes back



You promise?



Absolutely



Fine I'll do it Now  
call off your smelly  
idiotic goon over here



Who're you  
calling smelly?



Okay the first  
step is to transfer  
you to 8-bits

Okay

Whoa I feel weird ..

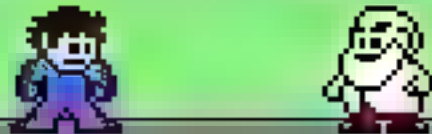
Not exactly strange  
but very weird

Hey does this make  
my butt look fat?

Man I feel so stupid!



Don't worry I sent  
Proto Man for a  
helmet and a blaster



Here you go  
Try them on



Okay this  
isn't helping



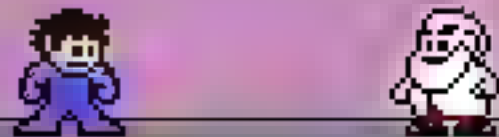
So what are  
you going to do  
in this scene?



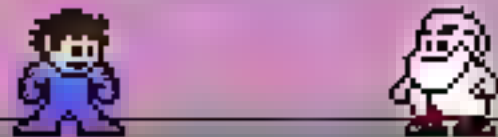
I don't know  
How am I supposed  
to know what to do?



Well you are the  
author of this strip  
Why don't you just  
consult your script?

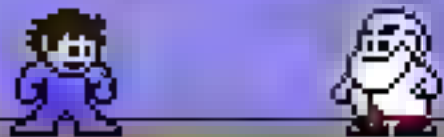


Script?  
There's a script?





So where were  
we in the storyline?



Proto Man just left  
and I was about to  
create Mega Man

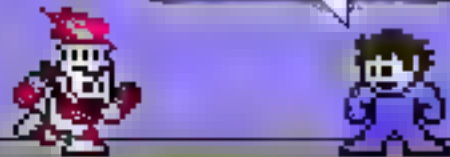


What?! How could  
we be that far  
behind production?



Ahhh! Help me!  
My head's on fire!!

Oh that's how



Behold Dr Wily  
my lastest greatest  
creation Rock!

Why are you going  
to call him Rock?

Because when you turn  
evil he's going to  
become Mega Man and  
then I'll make Roll

Um .. okay..  
Hee hee Rock and  
Roll Get it?

What the hell have I  
gotten myself into?  
I mean here I am a  
college student stuck  
in a comic strip ..



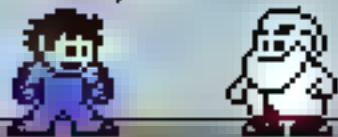
.. pretending to be a  
super powerful robot  
that just goes around  
blowing the crap out  
of evil robots..



Hey! When do I  
get to blow shit up?!



What was that  
argument with  
Dr Wily about  
in the last strip?



He wants to use  
the robots to take  
over the world and  
I won't let him



Oops Did we miss a  
major plot point  
because I was busy  
talking to myself about  
blowing shit up?



Yes I believe so

Damn it



Dr Light won't let me  
use his robots for  
mass destruction  
But no matter I will  
simply steal them!



And with Proto Man  
gone and that punk  
Mega Man Light's only  
backup nothing can  
stand in my way!!



I don't wanna sound  
mean Doc but that  
plan is really stupid



I have *got* to start  
checking behind myself  
before I go announcing  
my evil plans ..



Oh my God!! Dr. Wily  
stole my robots and  
he's using them to  
take over the world!!



What we need is a  
powerful robot to  
risk his life and defeat  
those evil robots!



And he said he  
hates your strip

Get my gun ..



Okay I've got  
a helmet and  
a blaster



I am ready to go  
kick some evil  
robot ass!



Can anyone  
give me a ride?



Doc you gotta help me  
How am I supposed to  
get to the evil robots?

Just step up onto  
the platform



What does this  
thing do?



It will transform you  
into billions of molecules  
and transport you as a  
beam of energy then  
reassemble you



Sounds like fun





AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
HHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!



AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
HHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!



Whoa! Hey  
where am I?



Damn it





Who are you and what  
are you doing here?

Mega Man?



Mega Man it's me!  
I'm the author of  
this comic strip



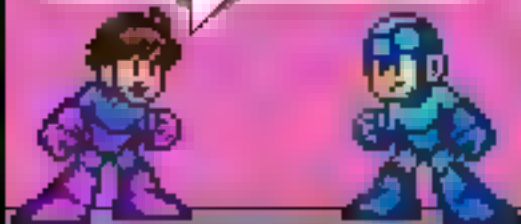
Is that so?



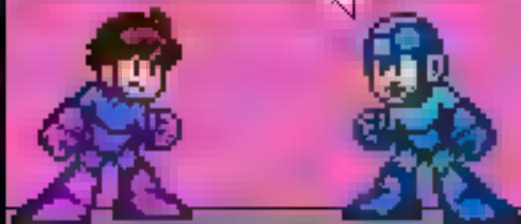
Aaaahh! I'm sorry!  
I'm sorry for  
everything!!



So uh Mega Man  
what are you doing  
back? I thought you  
had left for good



Well I heard there  
was an imposter  
pretending to be me ..



...and I'm gonna  
blow his head off!!



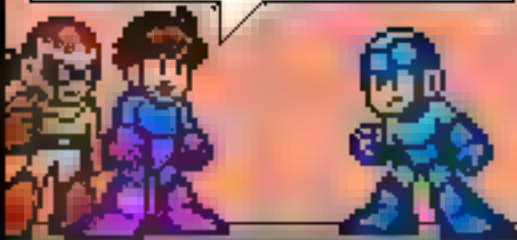
Now I just gotta  
find him You haven't  
seen him have you?







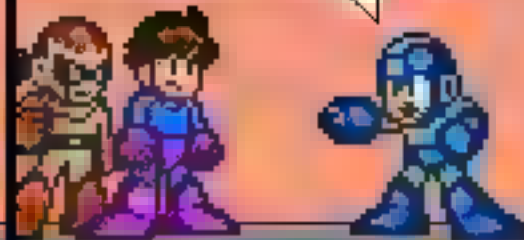
Okay Mega Man  
I'm the one you've  
been looking for  
What're you gonna do?



Oh.. Well in that  
case start Bob  
and George or..



..I'll kill you  
where you stand!!



Sounds like a  
good idea to me ..



All you have to do is  
start producing actual  
Bob & George comics



And if I don't?



Then we gotta  
get your balls



How many times do I  
have to tell you? I'm  
not Tyler Durden!!





Okay I'll work on the  
real Bob and George  
But first I have to get  
back to the real world



No problem Just step  
on this block and we'll  
get you out of here



Are you sure  
this'll work?

Of course



Is that really  
going to work?

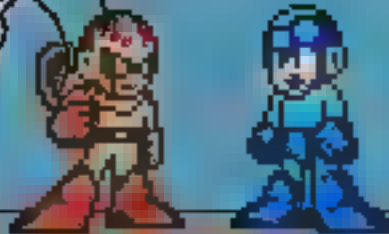
I have no idea.



Now that the author's gone we can continue with the strip right?



At least until he actually starts producing Bob and George strips



What in the hell was that?!

I don't know but I'm scared



Dr. Light! You've  
got to help us!



What seems to be the  
trouble Mega Man?



Me and Proto Man were  
talking when this giant  
badly-drawn head  
appeared out of nowhere!



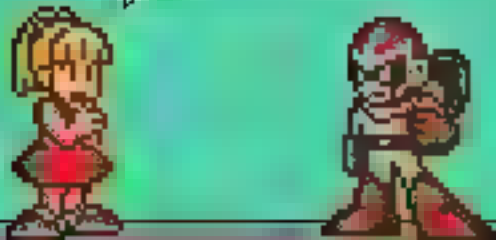
Hey! You knew I  
couldn't draw!!



Did you hear?  
Bob and George will  
be starting soon  
We're almost done!



Oh my God!  
That's awful!



What? Did you want  
to keep making these  
silly comic strips?



No but no one  
knows who the  
hell I am yet!





Wussy

I'm scared



Hi there  
My name  
is George



And I would  
like to welcome  
you to Bob and  
George the daily  
online comic strip



I'm really very  
sorry it took so  
long for the actual  
strip to start



It seems the  
artist is lazy  
and can't draw

Hey! If I felt  
like getting off  
this couch I'd  
scribble on you



Something's not  
right here



I can't quite put  
my finger on it



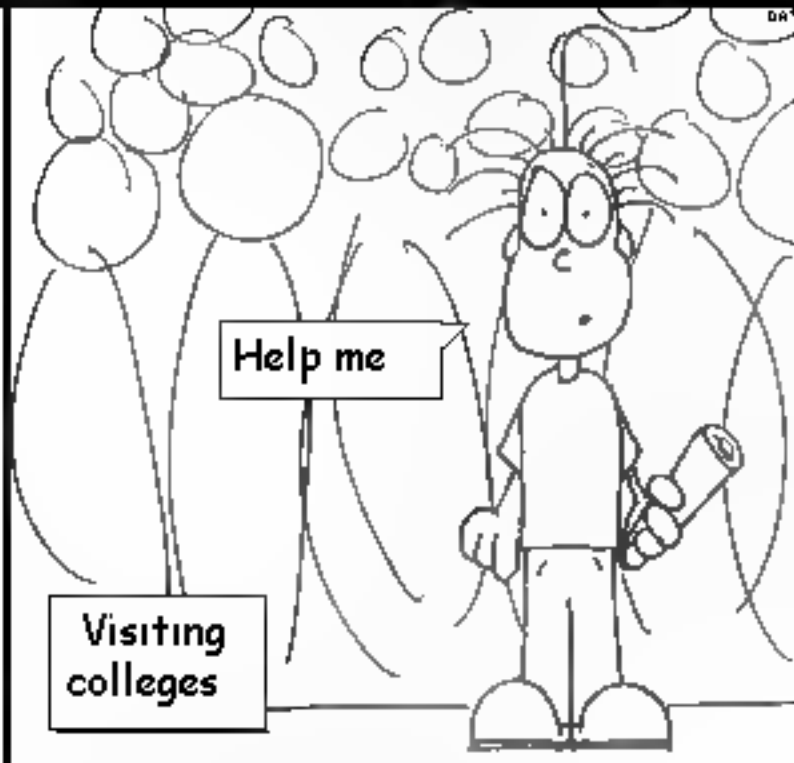
Hmmm It's  
almost as if



Oh my God  
Backgrounds



After I graduated  
from high school  
I had plans for  
the summer

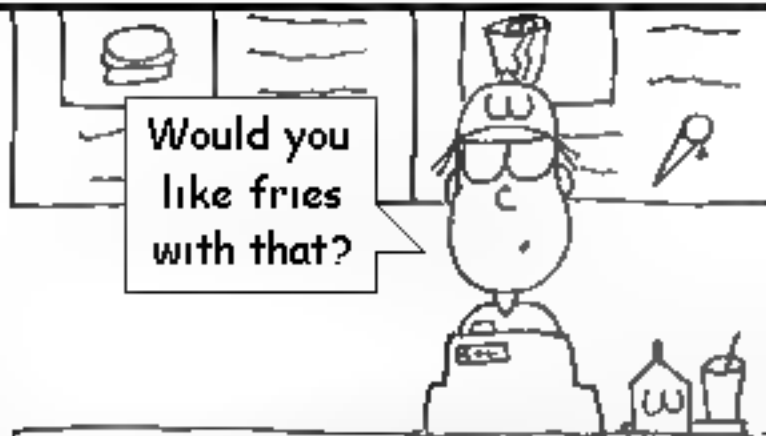


Help me

Visiting  
colleges

Hanging out  
with friends

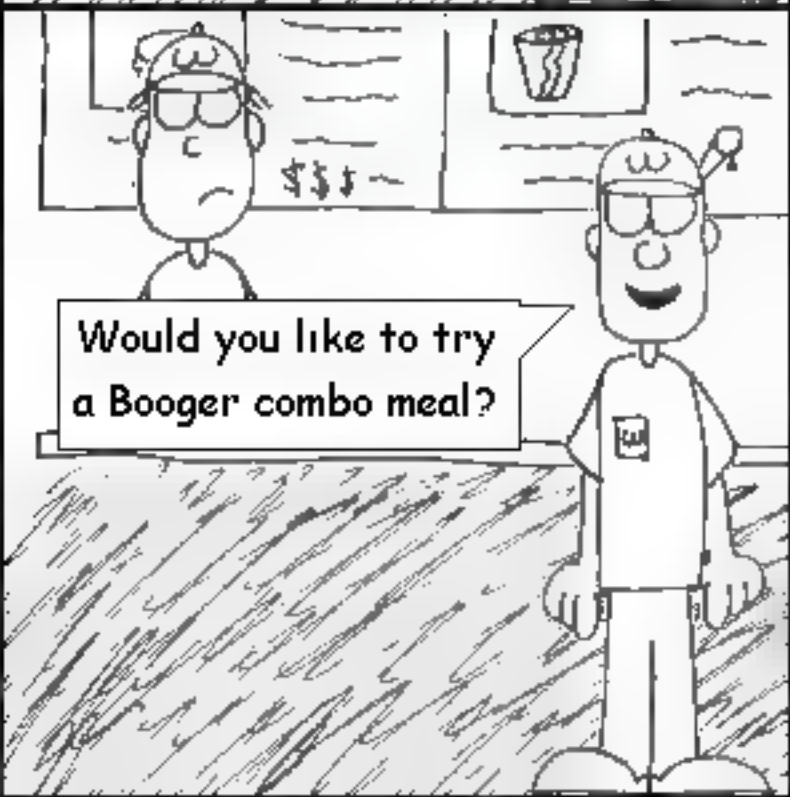
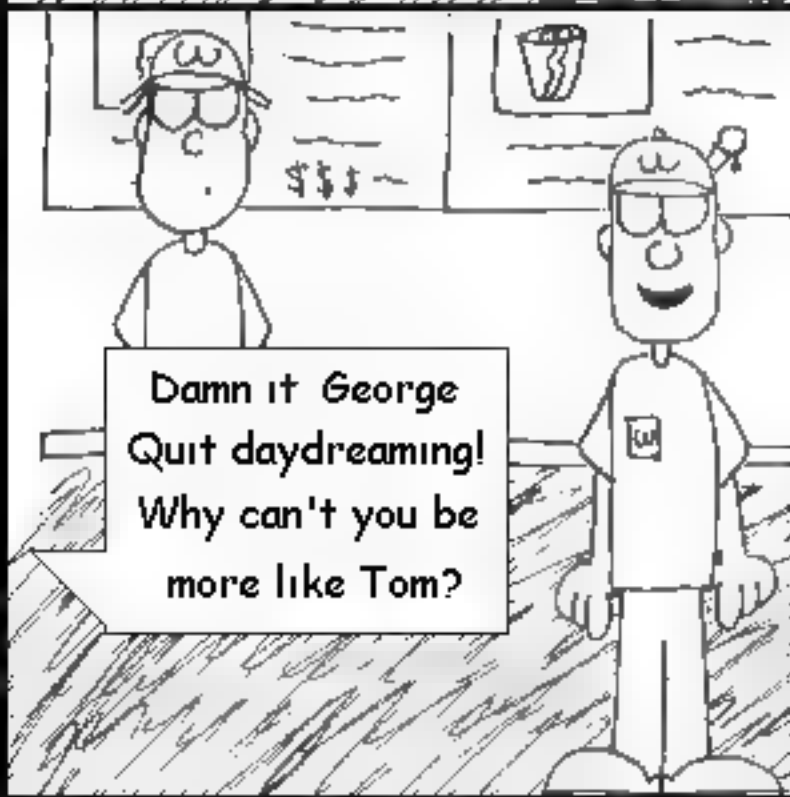
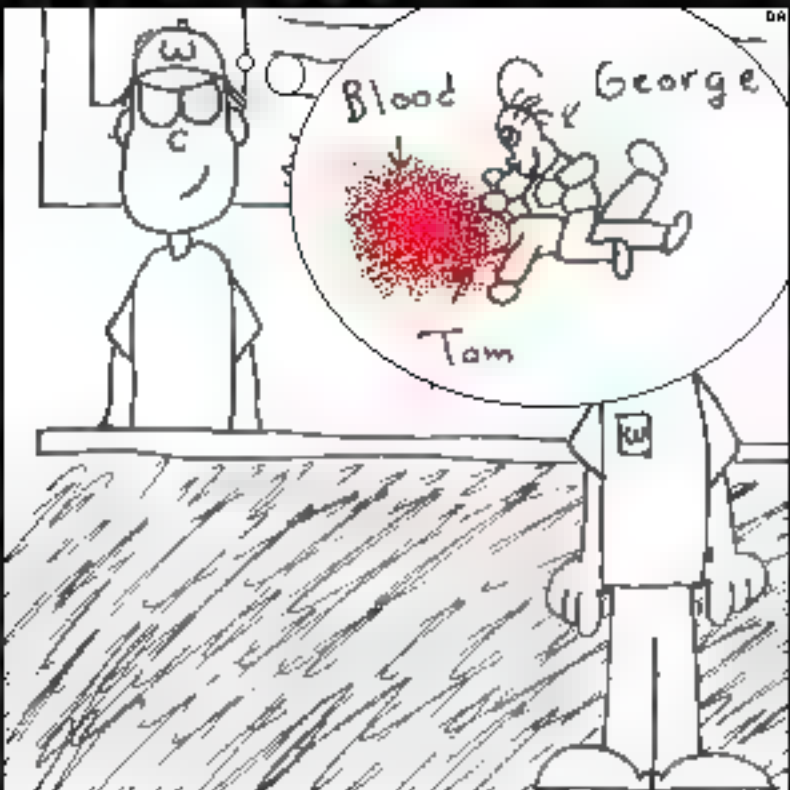
I am so  
bored



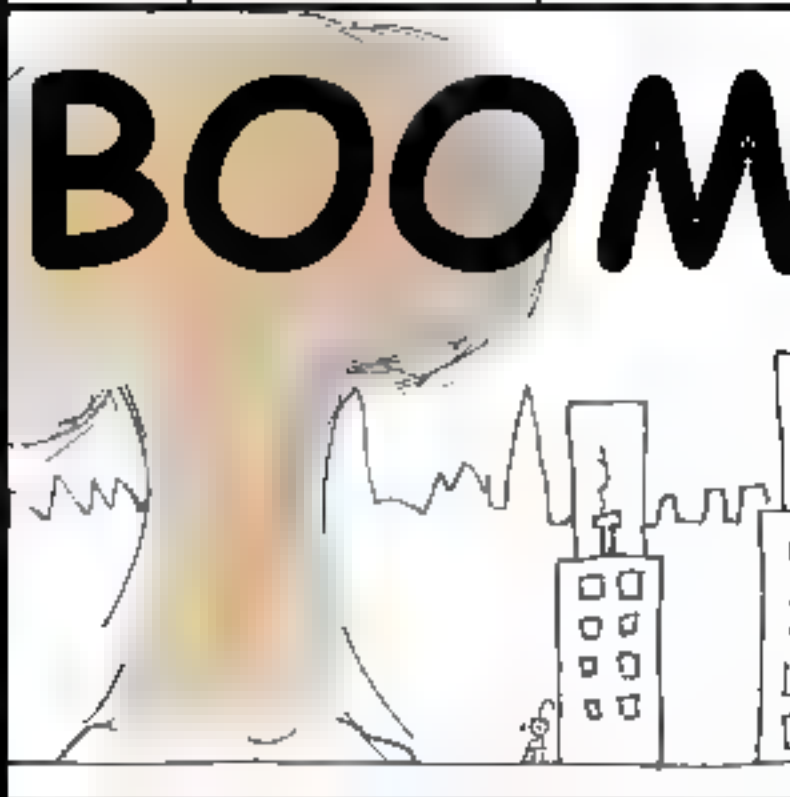
Would you  
like fries  
with that?

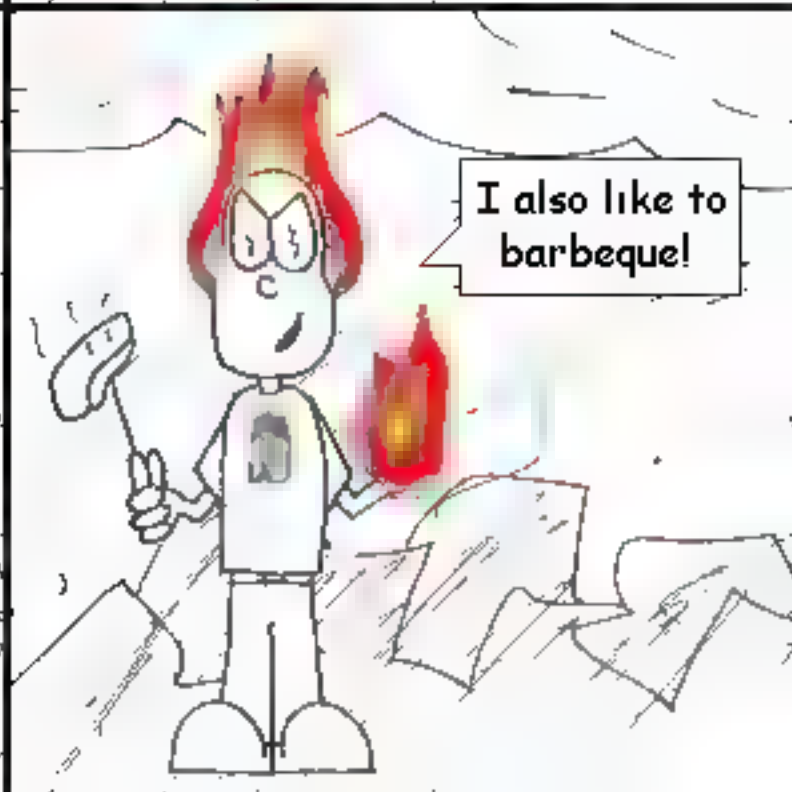
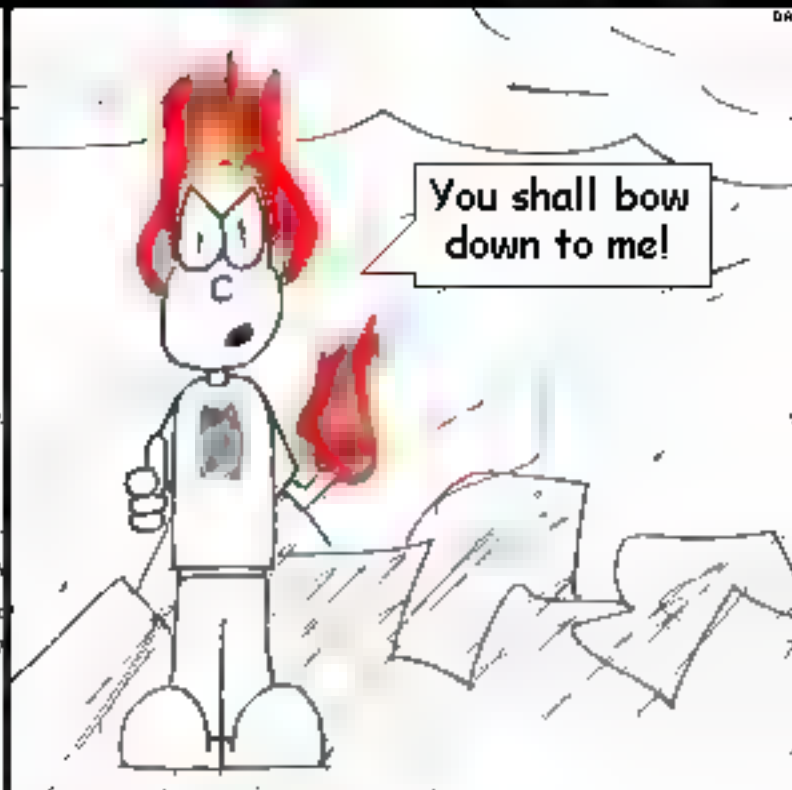
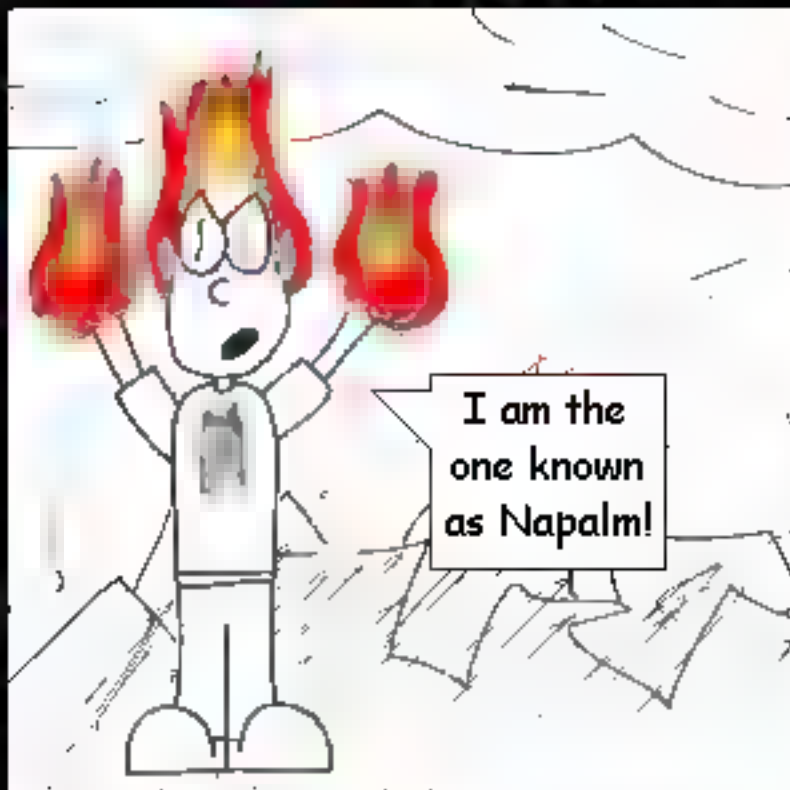
Then reality  
set in

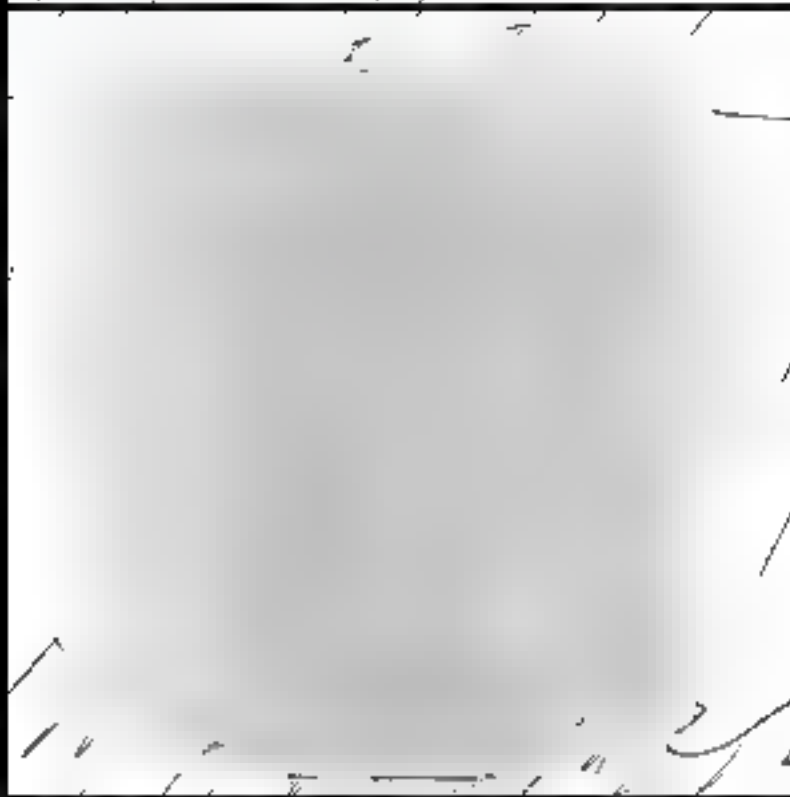
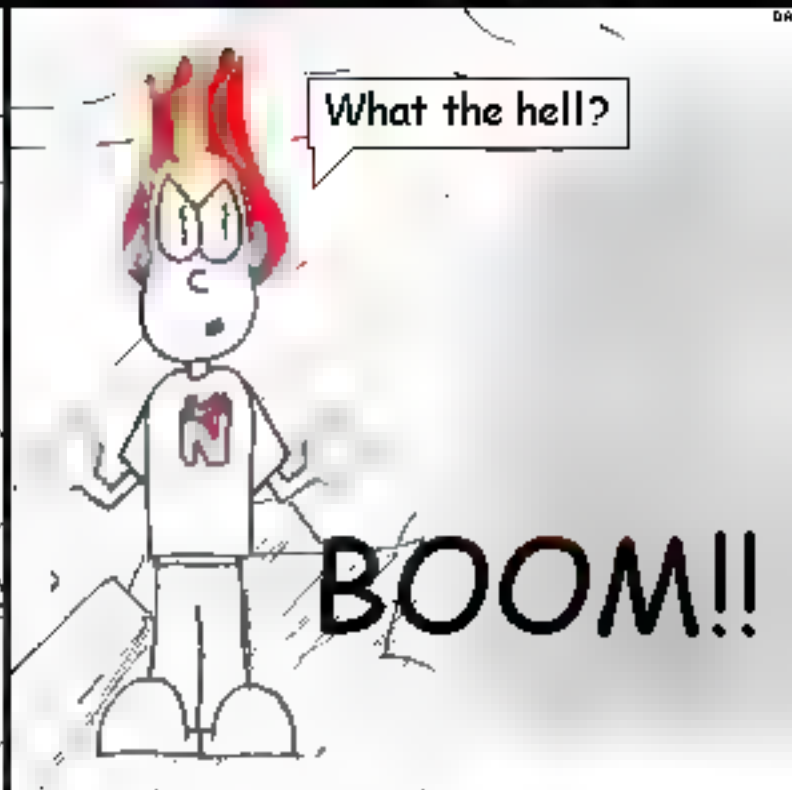


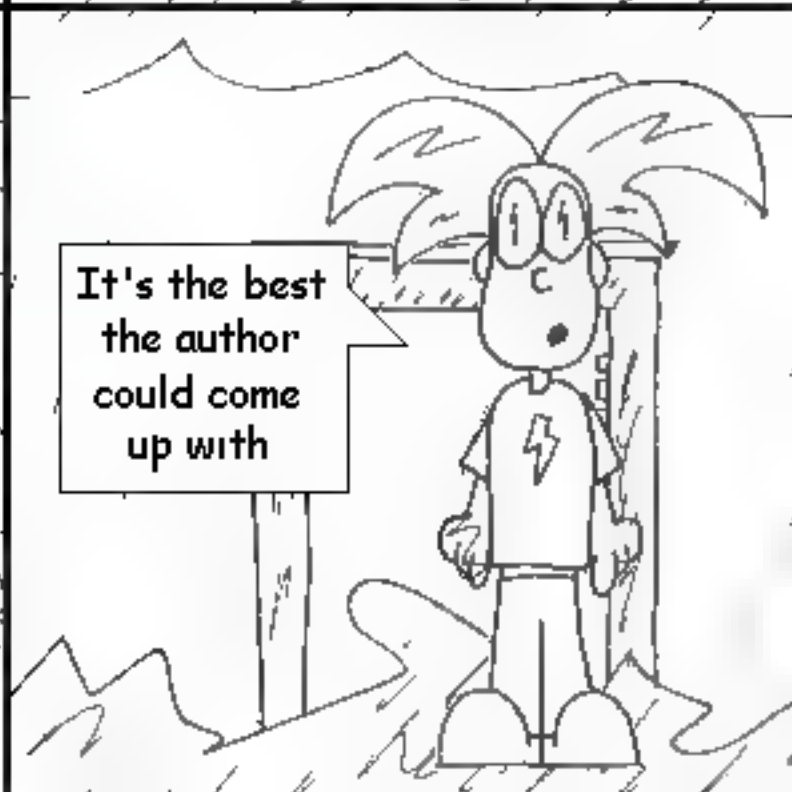
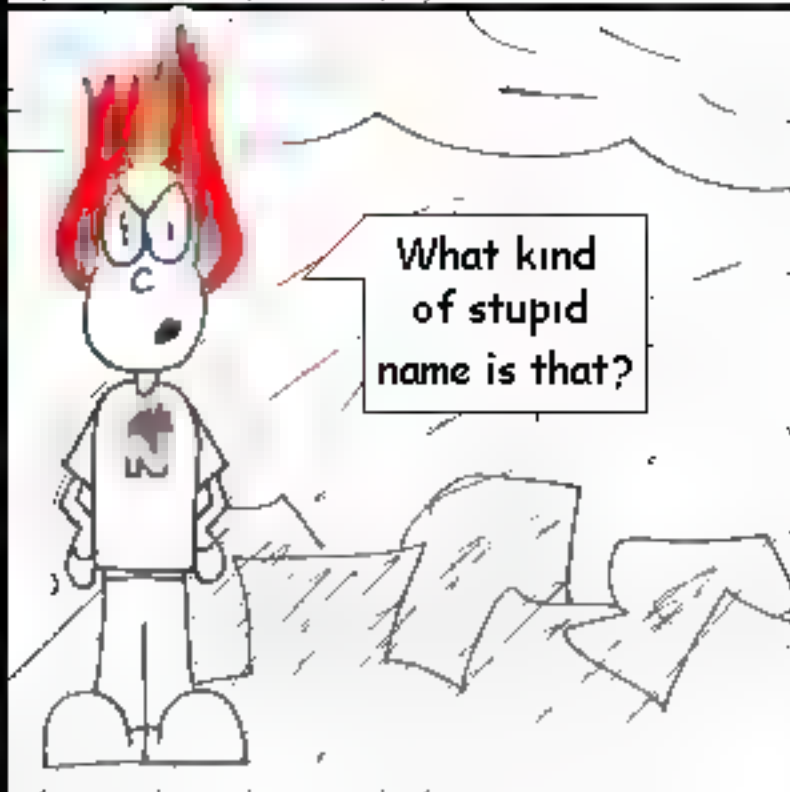




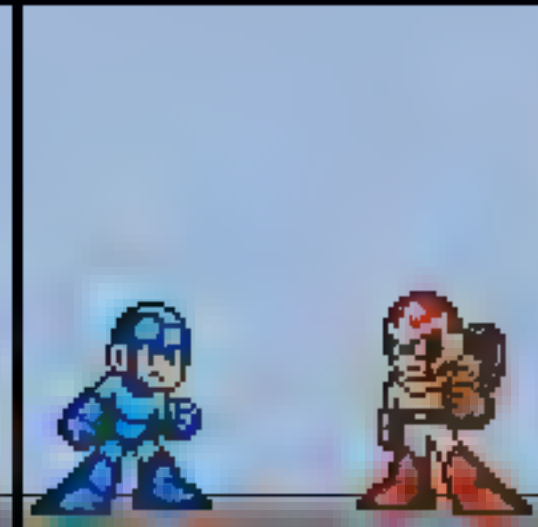
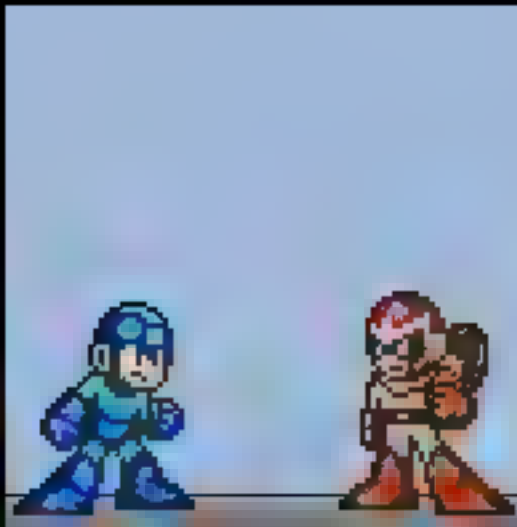
















So we have to  
start making  
strips again huh?



Yeah at least until  
the author gets his  
new stuff ready



Well now that we've  
explained it to the readers  
I guess we need something  
funny to happen huh?



Hey where'd  
Mega Man go?

Big Hole



Behold Dr Wily  
my latest greatest  
creation Rock!

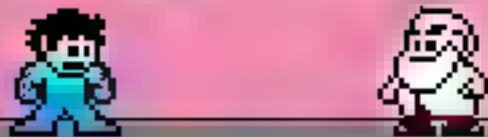
Want to know why  
his name's Rock?

I know I know  
Rock and Roll I got it  
We did this joke  
before remember?

We did?

Yes In fact we've  
done this joke  
before as well

Greetings Please  
state my designation  
and function

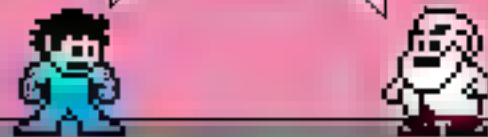


Your name is  
Rock and you  
are my servant



And why was I built?

What?! I just told you!  
What are you an idiot?



Acknowledged,  
I am an idiot

Darn it



Ah Dr Wily I want  
you to program Rock  
with some personality  
subroutines



What did you  
have in mind?



I don't care  
Whatever you think  
would be useful



I think I'm supposed to  
laugh maniacally now

Oh feces



Light that fool! What was he thinking giving me control of his precious robot?!



I'll make his personality so ridiculously idiotic that he'll never be able to stop me when I steal Light's robots!!



Dr Wily the wisest course of action would be to deactivate me before announcing your evil schemes aloud



God Damn It!!  
How many times are we going to do this stupid joke?!?



My programming of  
Rock's personality is  
complete Now to see  
if I was successful



Hey where'd he go?  
He was just here..



Help me!



Hmm I seem to  
have fallen in a  
rather large hole

100 percent  
successful

Big Hole



Ah Dr Wily How is  
the programming of  
Rock's personality  
coming along?



I've finished  
It was a  
complete success!



**THUNK!**



Go around  
the beam  
not through it!



What have you done?!  
You've turned him into  
an idiot! Why would  
you do such a thing?!

Duh

I did just what you  
told me to do, I  
reprogrammed him  
Besides I'm evil

What?!

That's right I'm evil  
And I'm going to use  
your other robots to  
take over the world!

Darn I guess I  
probably should  
have seen this  
coming huh?

Duh



So Roll how do  
you like being  
back in the strip?

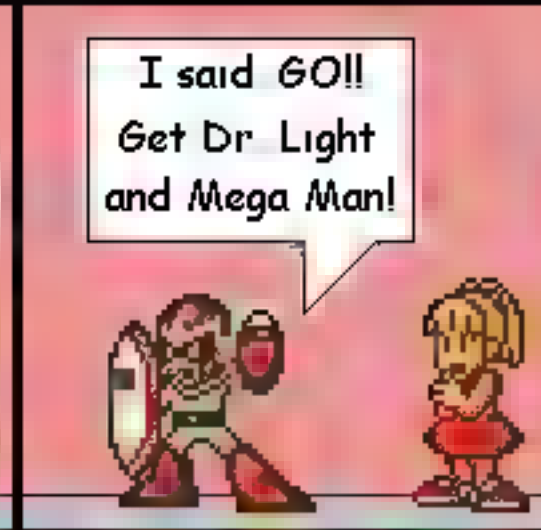


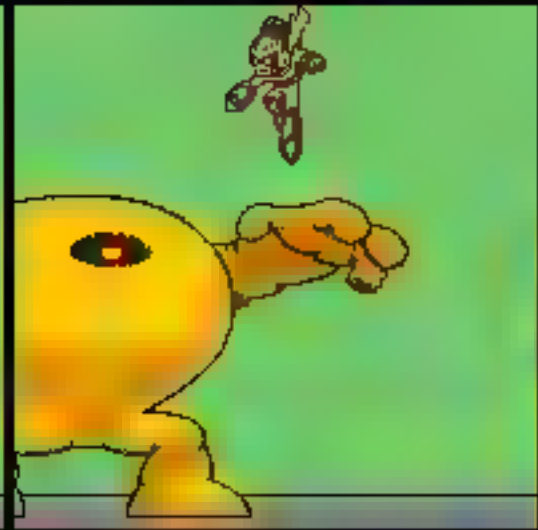
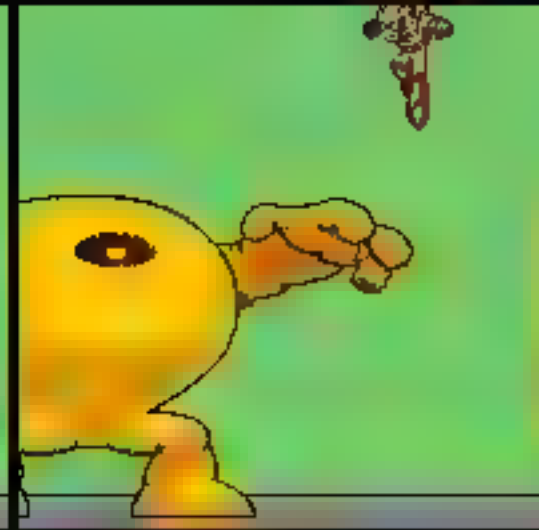
What is there a  
giant monster  
right behind me?



Oh shit







Mega Man! Dr. Light!  
A giant monster is  
attacking Proto Man!



Oh God! I've got  
to go help him!

Uh..



No! Don't try to stop  
me I must risk my life  
to save Proto Man!



Actually I was just  
going to suggest he  
beam directly there



You know maybe I  
should've just beamed  
instead of running  
all this way

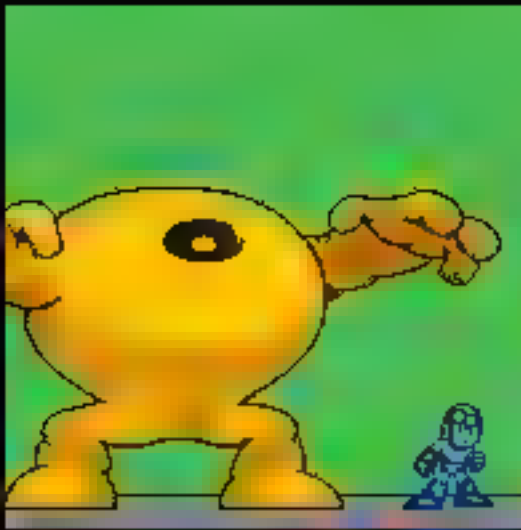


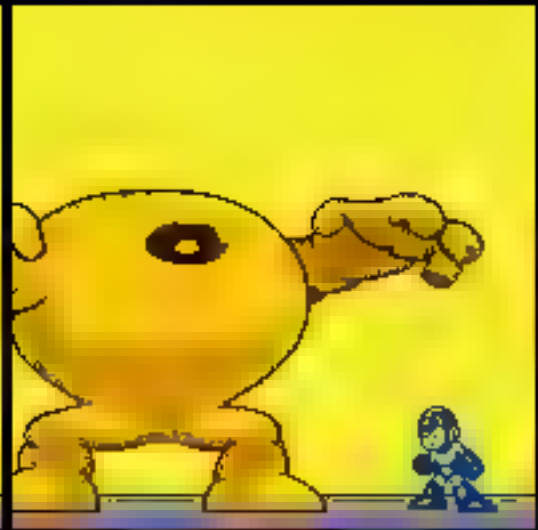
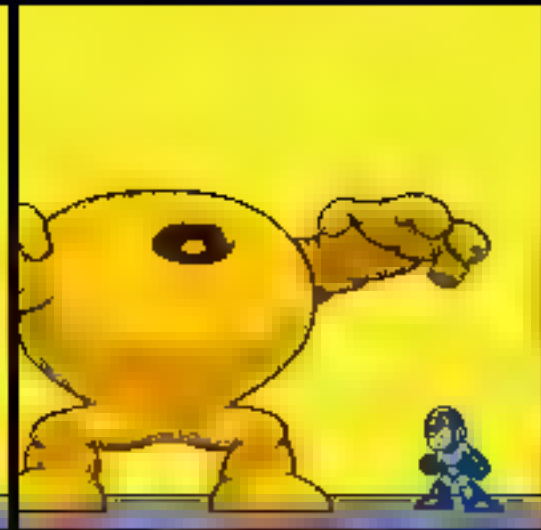
Wait a damn minute!  
Where the hell  
is this thing?



How am I supposed to  
fight it if it's not here?



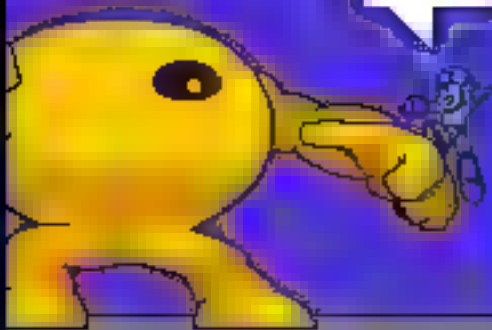




Take this monster!



Shit!!



SMACK!



You know maybe  
I should rethink  
my strategy





What was that monster  
thinking? Smacking me  
around like that?



I think it's about  
time someone put  
that bastard down!



And if I could feel  
my legs that someone  
would definitely be me



Oh my aching head..  
Hey what's that stuff?



That's Proto Man's  
helmet and his shield  
and .. oh my god ..



If his blaster is  
here that can only  
mean one thing..



Proto Man's dead and  
I'm gonna make that  
yellow demon pay





I've been in  
trouble before..

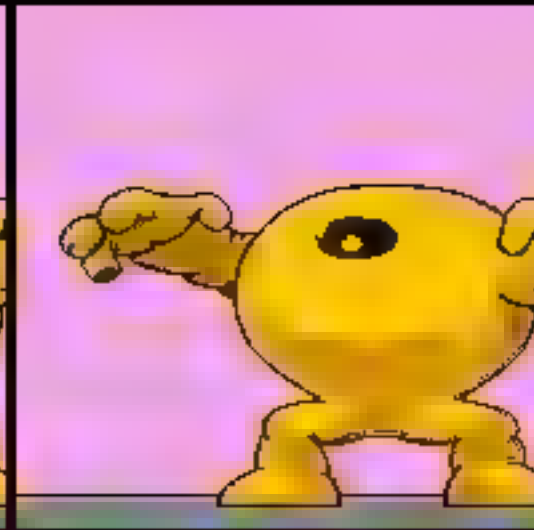
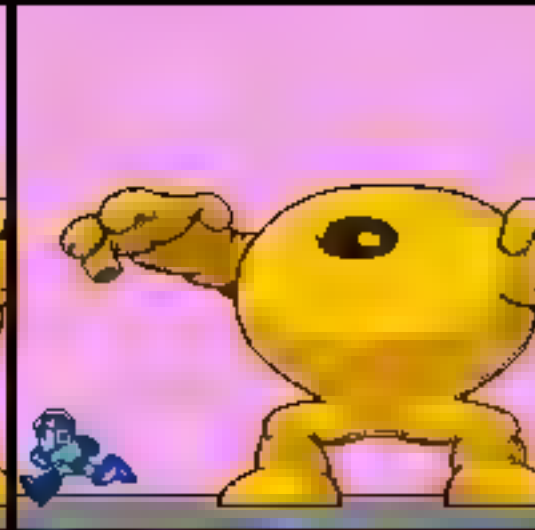


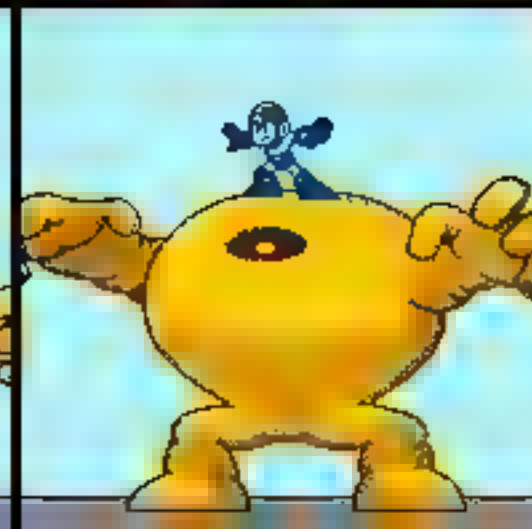
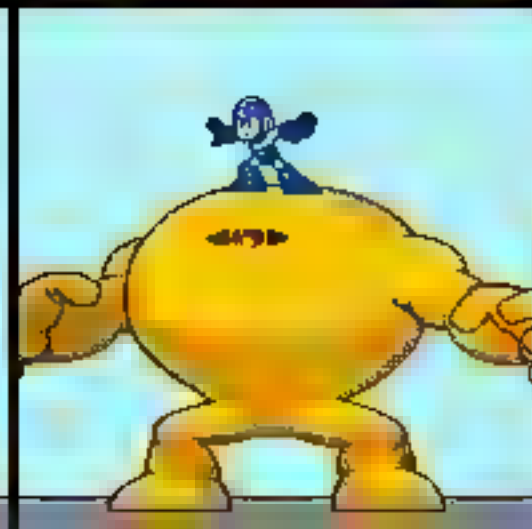
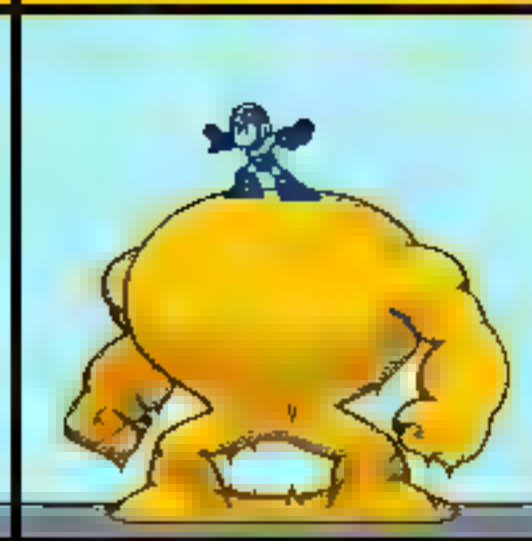
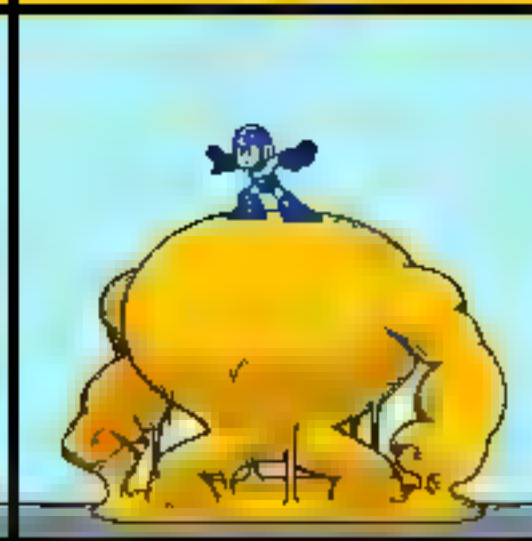
WHAM!!



.. but I'm definitely in  
some serious shit now!



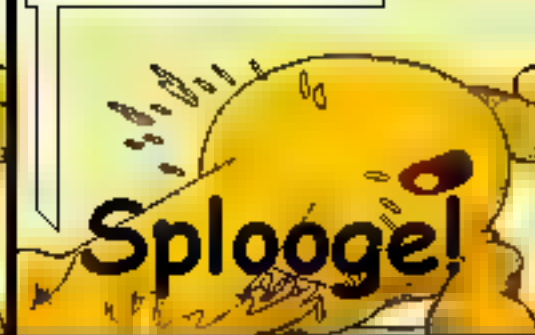




Okay Mr Demon hold on a minute Maybe we can  
work this little misunderstanding out peacefully



Amphf I'll take  
that as a "No"







WHAM!

Oh ow

Oof it hurts  
to even move ..

But at least I'm  
safe for now

Okay time to assess  
the situation



There's a nearly  
invincible monster after  
me and I just landed on  
an unstable cliff edge



Give it time folks  
He's kind of new to  
this thinking thing



If I could find him  
maybe I could..

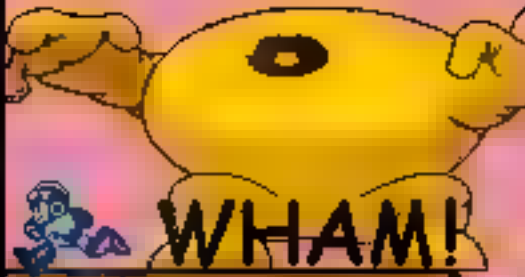


Oh wait I found him



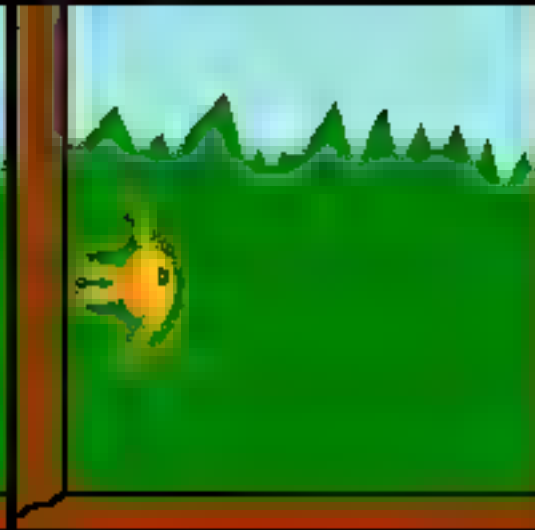
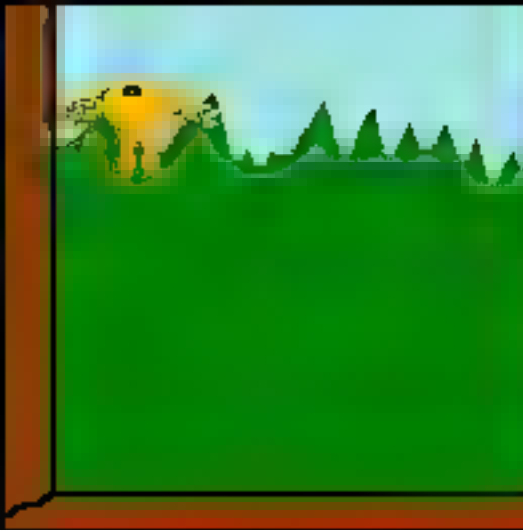
WHAM!

Crack!!



Bye bye!





With the Yellow Demon  
vanquished Mega Man  
has saved the day again



But at what cost?  
Proto Man's death will  
weigh heavily on Mega  
Man's conscience



Nevertheless the  
danger is gone and  
now Mega Man can  
get back to ..

Arrghh!

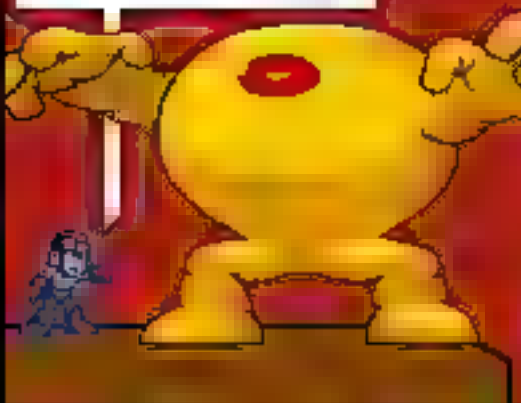


Nevermind

Aw crap



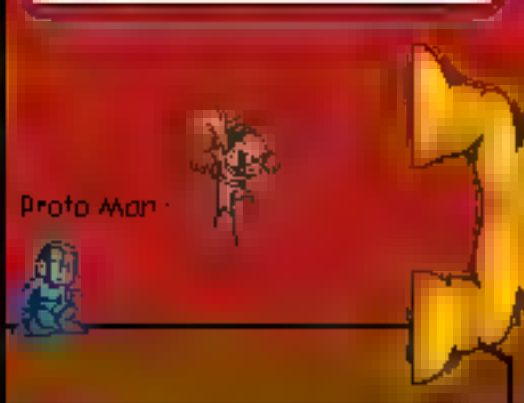
Look maybe we  
can discuss this ..



MEGA MAN! Get down!



What the hell is this?!



Proto Man?!  
I thought you  
were dead!



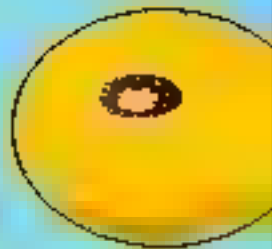
I know I planted those  
things to make you ..  
Is something wrong?

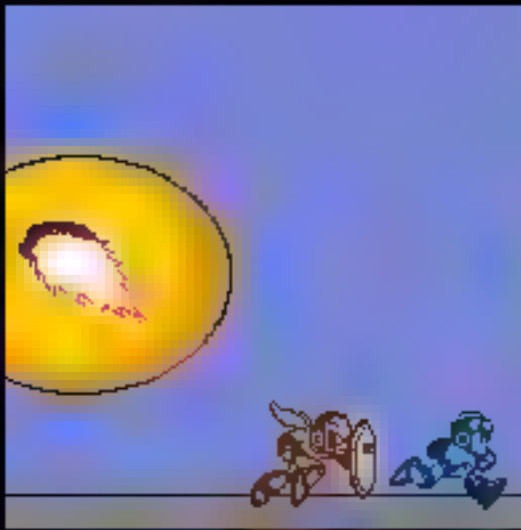


Let me guess That  
monster's not dead and  
it's right behind me

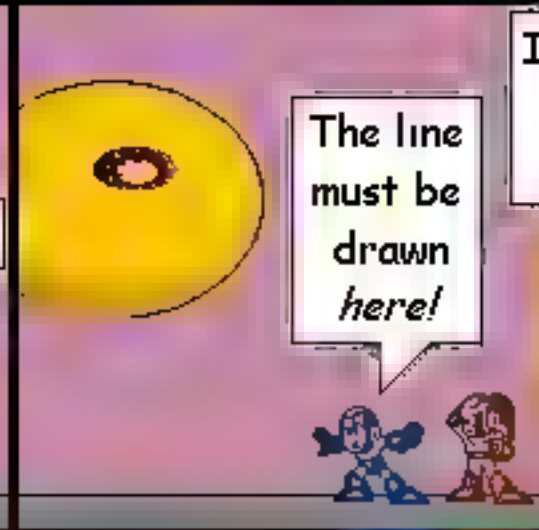


Aw shit











I thought we got  
rid of you. Why'd  
you come back?



I just thought I'd  
stop by and see how  
you guys were doing



Besides it's my strip  
I'm allowed to  
show up from time  
to time aren't I?



No

No



So tell us the truth Why did you come back?



I thought you could use some help

With what?



Damn it! What the hell is wrong with you two?!  
Do you have a three second attention span?



**HIM!!**

Who?



So what the hell were you thinking bringing that monster in here?



I swear I didn't think you guys would have this much trouble



Oh crap! I forgot how stupid Mega Man is!



It's okay

Sorry about that



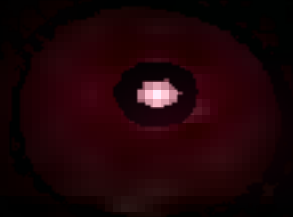


Okay I think we'll  
be safe in here



Hey Proto Man  
this hole seems  
kind of familiar

Yeah .. Anyway the  
Yellow Demon will  
never find us here



Are you sure?

Mega Man  
now would be  
a really good  
time to do  
something ..



Okay..  
Our Lord  
who art in  
heaven..



Yes? Did  
someone call?



Not now damn  
it! I'm trying  
to talk to God!

Hurry it up!





Okay, this  
has gone on  
long enough.



Uh Proto Man?



Yeah?



This isn't  
good is it?



Duh



So if we're  
not in hell  
where are we?



Take a  
wild guess



Ooh! I know!  
*We're in  
the Author's  
savesaver!*



Shall we get  
on with this?



Let's



What?





Hi guys



You! What the hell is going on?

Hell is exactly what's going on You see you're both dead Welcome to hell



WHAT?!



WHAT?!



Okay you got me You're not really dead,, not yet





Then what are we doing here?



I wanted to find out what you're doing.

What do you mean?



I mean why haven't you defeated the Yellow Demon yet?



Um maybe because we don't know how?



Mega Man does



WHAT?!



I do?



Think about it  
How many games has  
Mega Man been in?

And how many times  
has he had to fight  
the Yellow Demon?

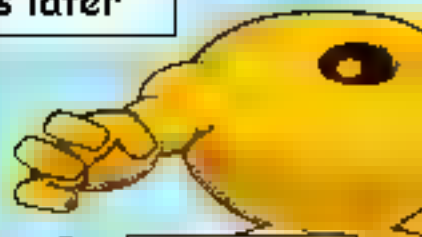


He should know  
how to defeat  
it by now

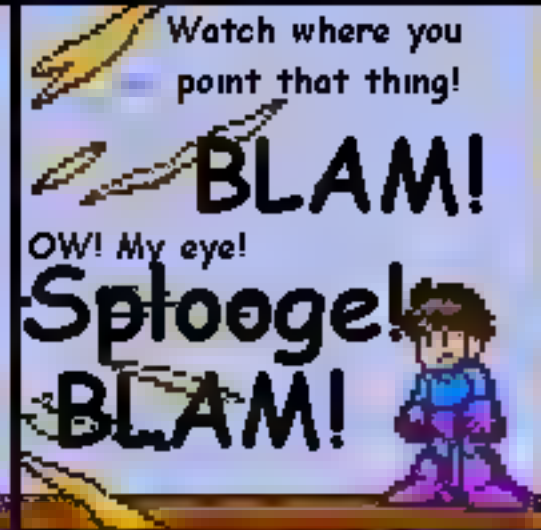


Remind me  
to kick your  
ass later

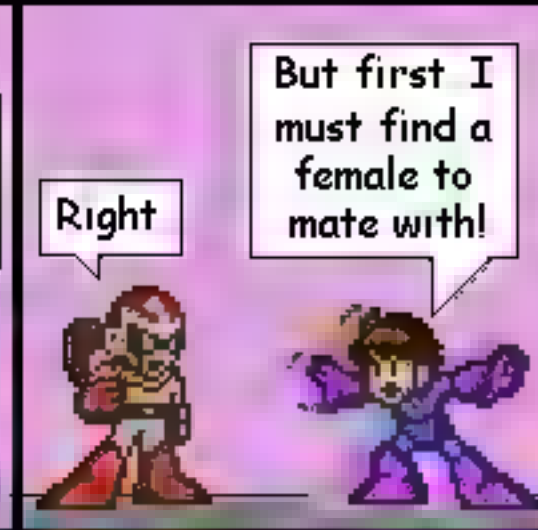
Uh-oh



Whatever









Where is that guy?  
Where would a  
loser like him go?



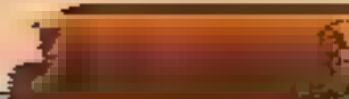
Well he said he was  
looking for a woman  
Heh the only woman  
around here is ..

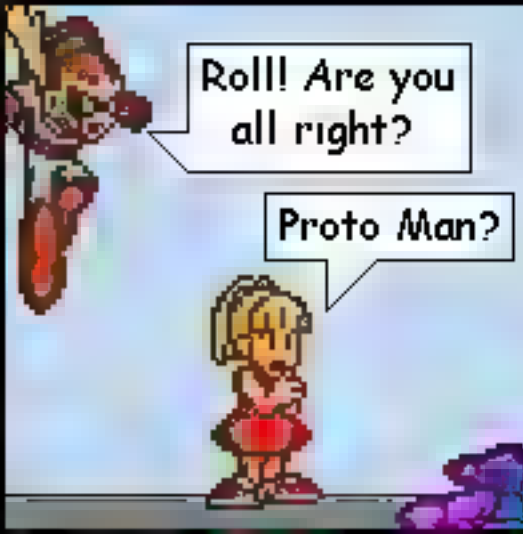


OH SHIT!!



And so Proto Man  
rushes to save young  
Roll the only female  
in this comic strip  
from .. uh... me





Dr Light what  
are you doing?

I'm reprogramming  
your personality

Why?



Because after Dr Wily  
programmed you as an  
idiot he stole all of my  
robots and is using them  
to take over the world



Now I need to turn you  
into a killing machine and  
save the world but first  
I need to raise your  
intelligence to normal



Nice recap

Thank you



Not bad

Okay All done  
How do you feel?



To destroy the  
evil robots and  
stop Dr. Wily

What is your  
primary mission?



To be an idiot

Good And your  
secondary mission?



Close enough Let's  
get you a blaster



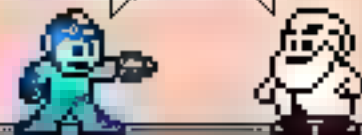
Let me get this straight You built these extremely powerful and dangerous robots as your servants but Dr Wily stole them and is using them to take over the world and you expect me to stop them

Here, try this



Yep that's about it Any questions?

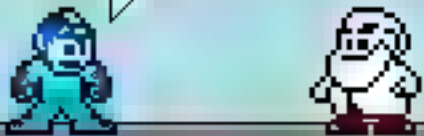
Just one



What in God's name were you thinking?!?



So what's the plan? You gonna beam me right into the robots' lairs?

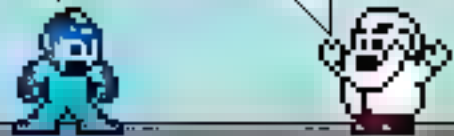


Oh no! I'm going to beam you to the very beginning of the robot's domain where you'll have to fight through waves of enemies and traps until you finally find the robot's lair and enter a battle to the death



WHAT?! Why?!

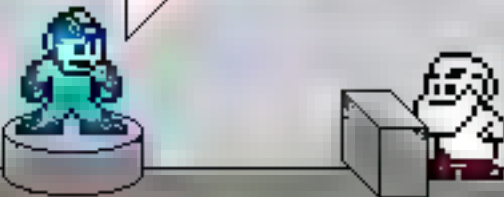
Darn it! Do I have to have a reason for everything??



Okay Mega Man I'm  
sending you to Cut Man's  
domain first As soon  
as you arrive you'll be  
attacked by monsters

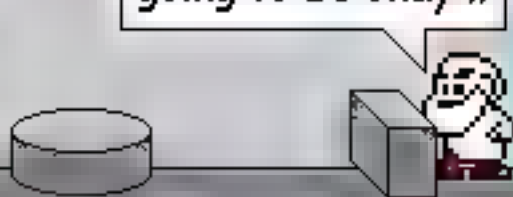


Whatever Just  
send me there I'll  
take care of it



# Zip

I sure hope he's  
going to be okay ..



Eat this bitches!!



Man what a fight! I wonder what evil robot I have to fight first?

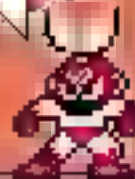


Halt!



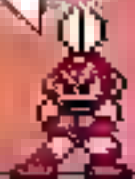
Who are you?

I am your worst nightmare!  
I AM CUT MAN!



No really  
Who are you?

I'm serious  
I'm a bad guy





Mega Man!  
Prepare to die!



Whoosh!



Thunk!



Damn it!!



Mega Man? This  
is Dr Light How  
are things going?



Just fine I just  
disposed of the  
first evil robot



Ah



Now take his weapon  
and I'll beam you  
back Then I'll update  
your blaster with the  
evil robot's power



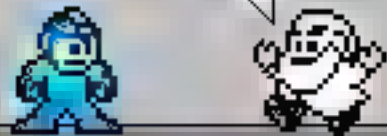
What? Why? I don't  
want his stupid power



Just do it! This  
is a video game!  
Don't ask so  
many questions!



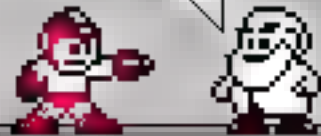
Ah you're back  
Now let me see  
your blaster



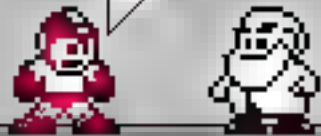
This is stupid I  
don't want to have  
that idiot's weapon



There See?  
It's not that bad



Fine but I'm not  
wearing those stupid  
scissors on my head



Here I am riding a lift  
that regularly drops its  
occupant into an abyss



uh rrrrrrr

But I should be okay  
as long as I time my  
jumps correctly



uh rrrrrrr



Swoosh

uh rrrrrrr

Here we go  
Try number two



sh h rrrrrrr

Okay I need to  
jump right about ...



sh h rrrrrrr

NOW!

Oops..



Sw sh

sh h rrrrrrr

Here we go again  
I just have to jump  
earlier this time



00 h rrrrrrr

NOW!



00 h rrrrrrr

Yes!!



Sw sh

No..



00 h rrrrrrr

Hmm ..

ψ h rrrrrrr



ψ h rrrrrrr

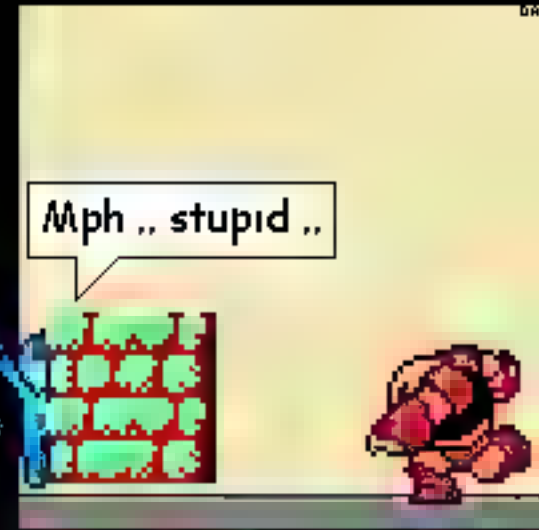


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I don't know about you but I'm glad this is a comic strip and not the actual game

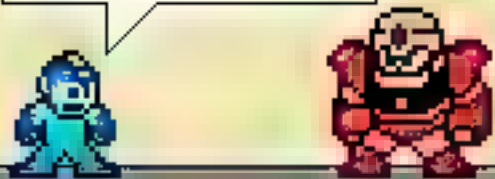


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You think you're  
so tough, Anyone  
could do your job



Oh yeah? Let's  
see you try it

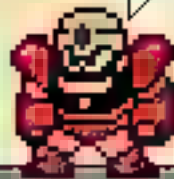


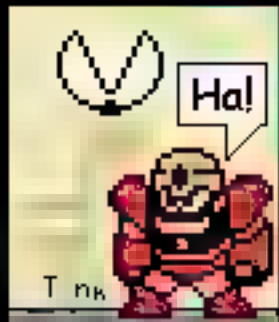
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Mmmph, Are you  
going to help me?



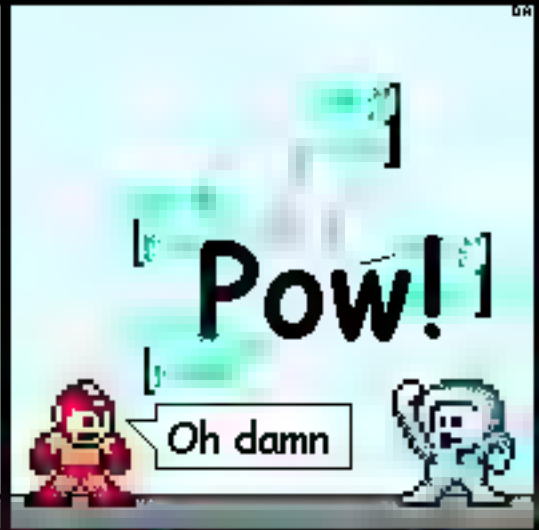
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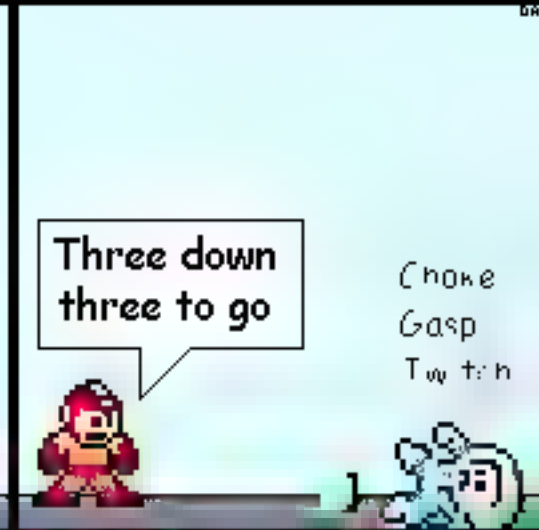




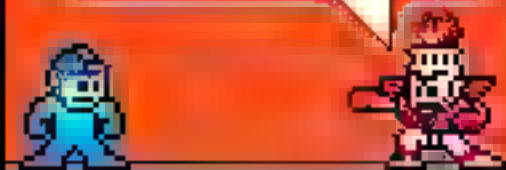
Rumble  
**WHAM!**







Hello little man!  
I'm Fire Man and  
I'm taking you down!



Wait a minute!  
Is that Ice  
Man's power?!



Oh God! Please don't  
hurt me! I'm sorry!  
I'll never do it again!



Oh! Sob sob..  
This is going to  
hurt isn't it?



Aha! I found the  
evil robot's lair!  
But where is he?



# Krak-a- BOOM!



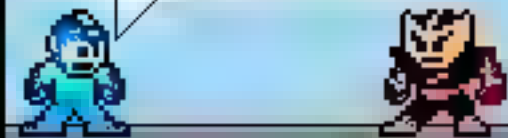
Greetings Mega Man  
I'm Elec Man  
Prepare to die



I've heard  
that before  
Let's rumble



Okay Sparky let's  
see what you can do



Zap!




Pow!



How's that?

This does not bode  
well for our hero





Time for a  
new strategy

Hey! What's that?!

Huh?

Zoink!

Aw damnit



I admit it Elec Man  
might be too much  
for me to handle



And while running away  
might not have been the  
most heroic thing to do ..



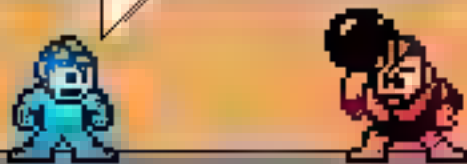
At least I'm still  
alive And I think  
I'm safe now



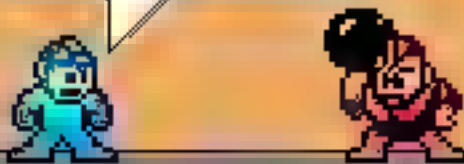
But why is my  
Spider-Sense  
acting up?



Before I go running off screaming like a little girl tell me something



Where exactly do you get your seemingly endless supply of bombs?



That's easy I have a big pile of them right off the edge of the screen

Wait a second!



I guess I should have been expecting that



Oh great Now I'm  
on the run from two  
evil robot bosses



Ack! Not this way!



I'll just turn  
around.. Oh no



Man it sucks being  
in a two-dimensional  
video game



All right Elec Man  
You want me?  
Come and get me!



Go ahead and run  
It just makes it  
more fun for me



What the , ?



Where are you going?







Ka-Boom!!



Shit! Mega Man has  
defeated all six  
of my evil robots!



Soon enough he'll  
make his way here  
and try to stop me  
and my evil plans



But he'll never get  
through my fortress!  
It's impenetrable!



Okay so I'm in denial





What the hell's  
taking him so long?





Hmm. Hmm. hmmm



CRASH!

WHAM!



Where were you?



Sorry My flight took longer than expected



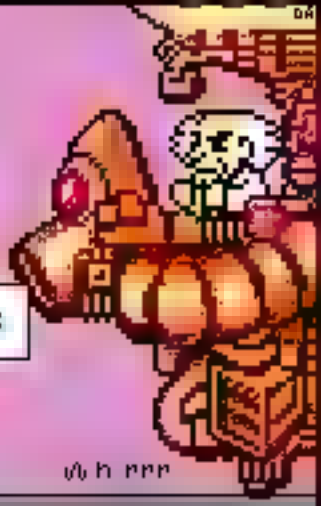
Well I guess we  
should get started



Okay let me get my  
giant machine of  
death and destruction

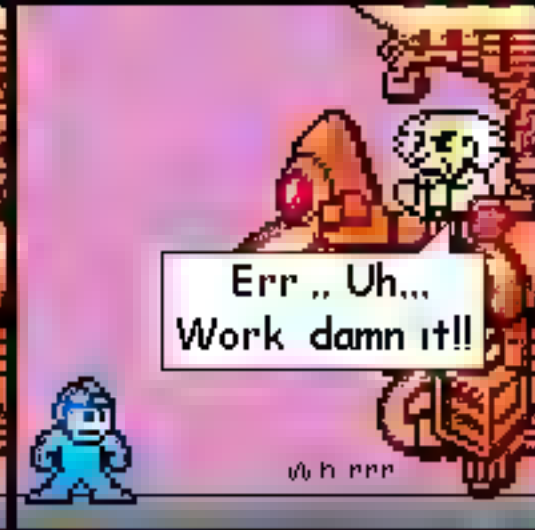



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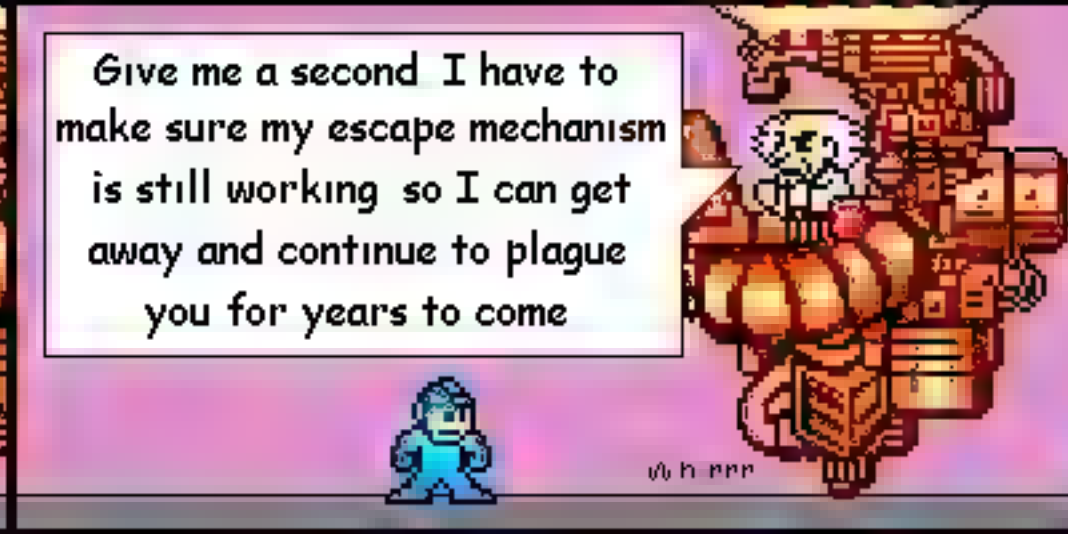
uhhhh







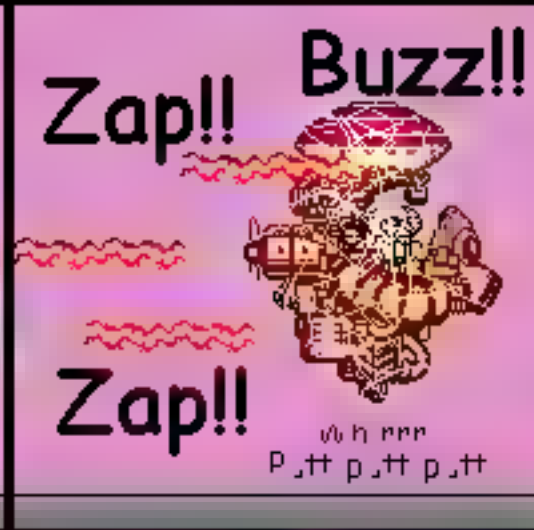
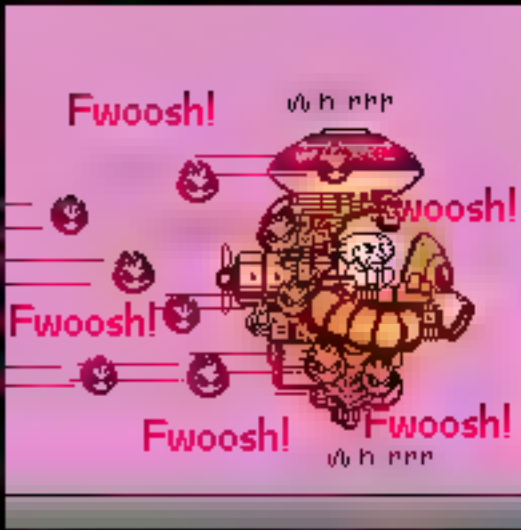
Are you ready?



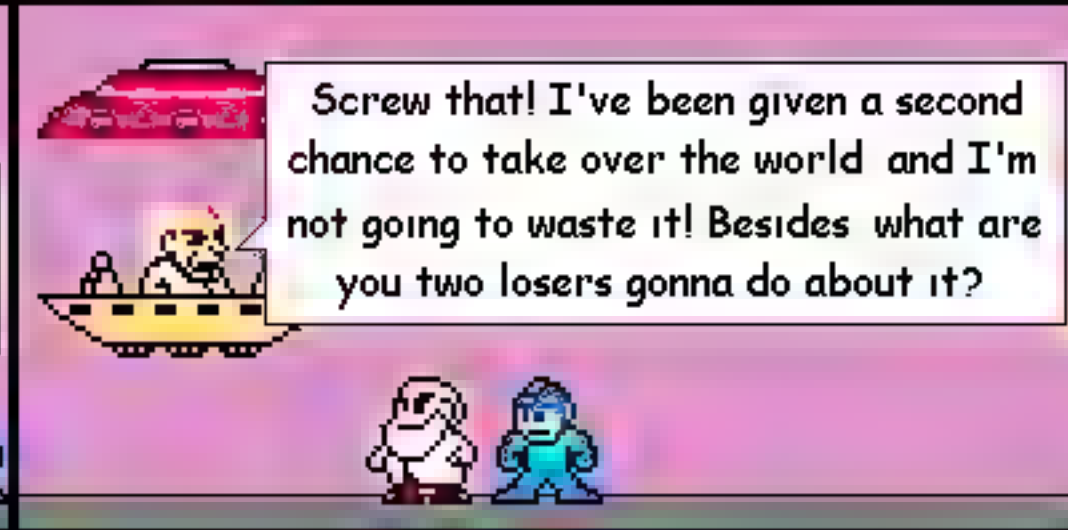
Give me a second I have to  
make sure my escape mechanism  
is still working so I can get  
away and continue to plague  
you for years to come



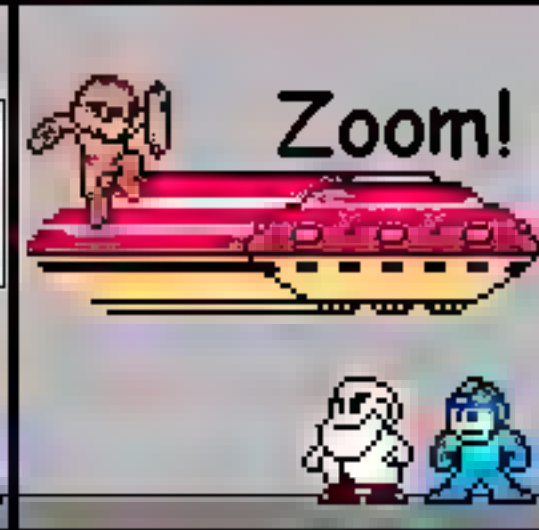
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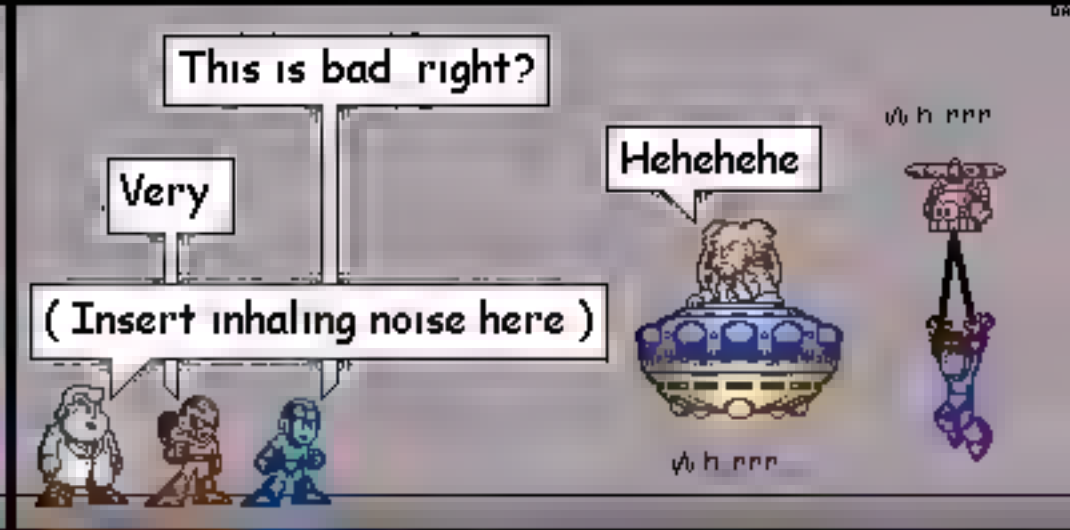












Wily you fiend! What  
are you up to this time!

I'll tell you but only because it's  
in the evil scientist ethics code...



W h rrr



W h rrr

I'm sick and tired of playing the villian  
First in the games and now in this comic  
strip So I'm going to kill  
the author and end the  
strip once and for all!

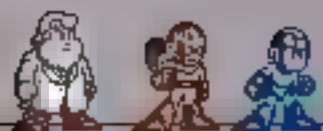


W h rrr

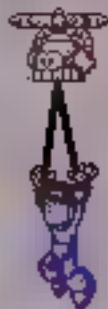


W h rrr

Now take him to the big machine  
and prepare him for disintegration!



W h rrr



W h rrr

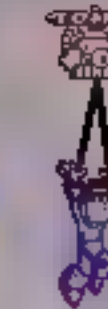
So should we stop him?

I don't know I kinda like his plan

All I know is that this  
isn't in the script



W h rrr



W h rrr

Dr Wily! Stop!



Why?



Can't you see that if I just destroy him the comic will be over and you'll never have to do this crap ever again?



He's got us there



Okay Doc you're right. Go ahead



What? Um okay ..



Mega-Death Skull  
Head Activate!!

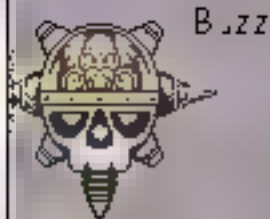


whoa Now that is an  
appropriate sound effect

Schwing!



You know seeing as this is the last comic strip and all don't you think we should say something out of respect for the author?



Thank God it's all over?

Good enough for me



Cannon charged and ready!

I've always loved you man

Don't make me hurt you



Fire!

Sizzle Jesus we gotta fire that sound guy

**ZAPPO!!**

Sizzle!



Fire!



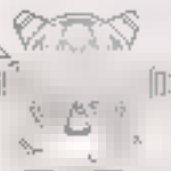
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f re that sound guy



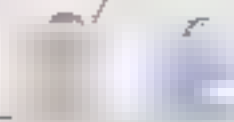
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**ZAPPO!!**

Sizzle!

Bass I'm worried about Mega Man and the others They should've been back from the re-creation by now



What?! Why are you worried about them?  
They don't give a shit about us  
We're just secondary characters Hell  
no one even knows who the hell I am



Even you've had some lines before I  
won't even be introduced until the 7th  
game! I tell you they don't care about ...



Hey what's the bright white  
light heading this way?



Well this is just great No one even knows  
who we are and now we're going to get  
annihilated by the death of the author



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who we are and now we're going to get  
annihilated by the death of the author





COMING SOON!

# BOB AND GEORGE

# THE COMIC STRIP

VERSION 2.0!

WITH 90% LESS MEGA MAN!

AND 50% LESS SELF-DEPRECIATING HUMOR!

STARTING OCTOBER 1ST.... MAYBE

Fart, fart, fart



It's not me,  
it's my shoes



Ahem



Welcome to  
**Bob and George**  
Version 2



Continuity is very important  
to us at Bob and George



And some of the fans  
might be wondering  
if the author died or  
not a few weeks ago



The answer is no  
Though badly hurt,  
he managed to pull  
through and is expected  
to make a full recovery



And I lost 50 bucks  
in the office pool



When we last left George,  
he had just quit his job at  
McBoogers and faced the  
daunting task of breaking  
the news to his mother

Nevermind

CANDY  
STORE

Would you  
like fries  
with that?

What? What do you mean  
that's not how it ended?  
The explosion? Oh... right  
the explosion I forgot...

Okay, right, so there was  
that whole thing about  
Napalm and Blitz...

I also like to  
barbeque!

But, unfortunately, it looks  
like we're out of space I  
guess you'll just have to  
wait until tomorrow...

Who the hell are you?



I'm Blitz! You're worst nightmare!



I thought you were going to be Shock or something like that



Nah, we never did that, oke, remember?



Oh, right Sorry

So, what in the world are  
you doing here Blitz?



I'm here to take you in to  
the proper authorities



What? Why?

What?! You blew up a  
whole damn building!



Oh right Sorry My bad



Okay, so you want to take me in? Well, there's one thing you haven't considered yet...



What the hell is that? ?



Zo nk.

Huh? What? Where?



Aw shit I should've seen that coming. Hell, I even saw it when it happened in the Mega Man stuff







So now that you're unemployed, what are your plans for the summer?



I was thinking maybe I'd hang out with my buddies, doing nothing important



Or maybe I could look at some different colleges to attend in the fall...

Right answer



A few days later...

How's the search going?

We found a few colleges...



Any of them look especially promising?

Well, Tech looks nice...



Dun, dun, dun...



Damn foreshadowing...



See that Tech is having  
a freshman orientation,  
are you going to go?

I don't think so  
it looks stupid



I really think you should go.

Ah, but Mom, I don't...



I'll go pack my bags...



Ah finally off to college  
No more nagging parents,  
no more rules, and no  
more stupid little brother!

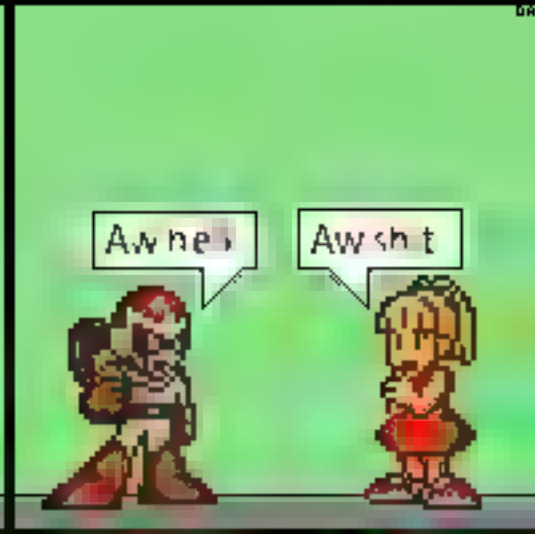
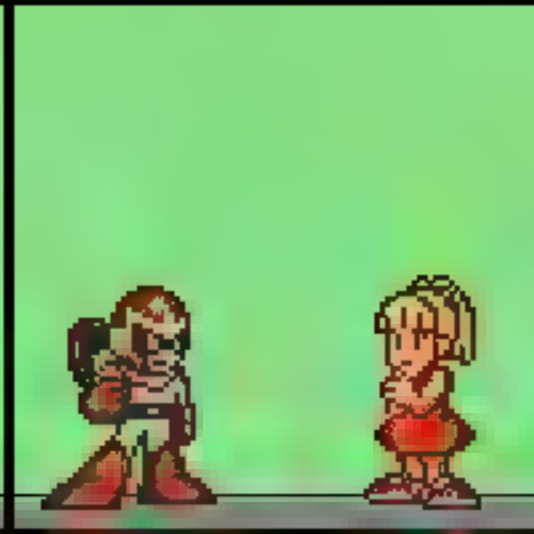
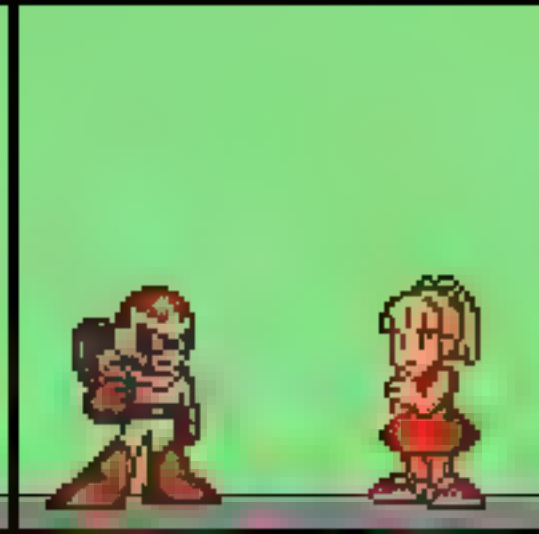
And Tech is perfect! It's  
just far enough away  
that I can go home if I  
want but I don't have to!

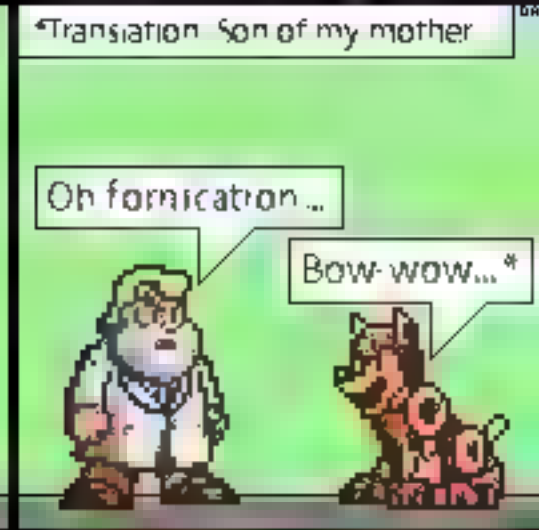
God this drive is boring





God damn it



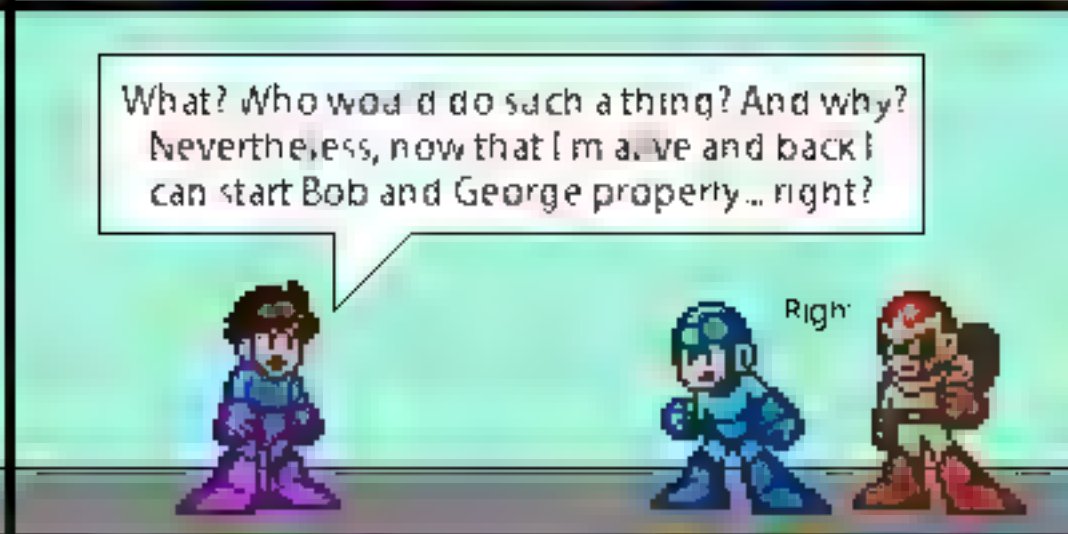
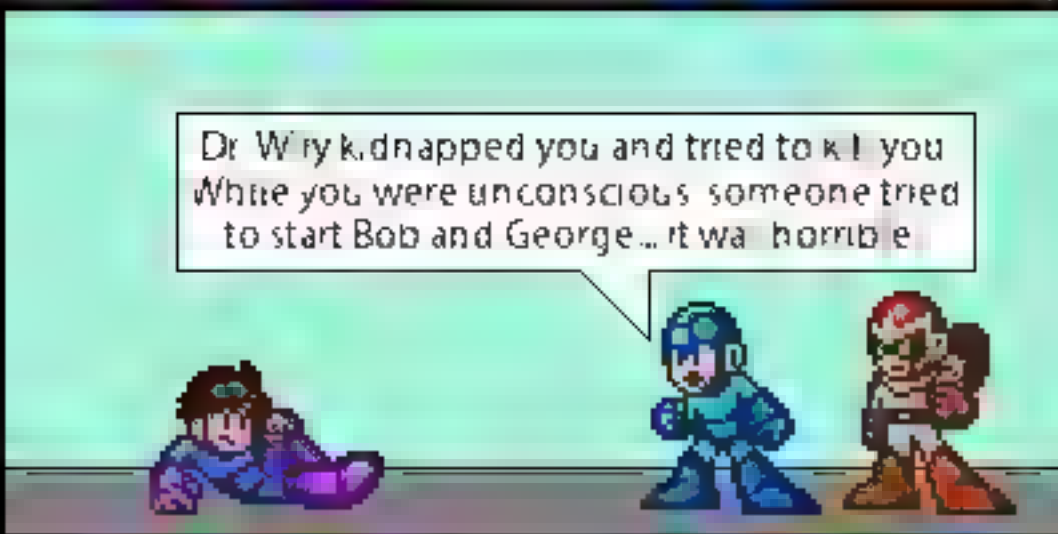




What's going on? Why  
won't anyone ever tell  
me what's going on?!







So then he tries to tell us  
that s he was unconscious  
and someone else must  
have made those strips



On my gawd That f,  
so ame What kind  
of a loser is he ..



uh oh...



I am, ..ke, so tota y fired...

Oh yeah









Please don't fire me! I'm  
sorry I'll never do it again

Fine... won't fire you!

Aaaaah... Big Brother  
won't leave me alone!

Of course... in your big  
brother, you idiot!

Huh?

# ZOOM!!

What was that all about?

Holy shit

\*Oh please, kill me now...

So then was he yeah  
in Bass What are you  
gonna do about it?

Rrrr...\*



An Out for owing  
me you freak.

Mer You stop for a  
minute and how  
you who the freak is

What the?



ZOOM!!



\*Anything, just shut up!

That was Mega Man and  
Proto Man Quick they're  
we must go after them!

Roar \*



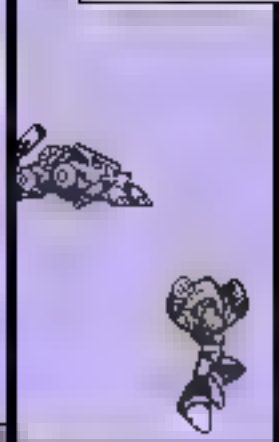
\*Finally, you moron

Treble It is time for  
Metamorphosis Mode!

Rrr...\*



Super Spectacular Transformation Day



Mwahahaha!!





# Everyone's Running For No Apparent Reason Day

Whee.. This is fun. But I wonder where we're going?

Why won't that idiot just stop running?  
What the hell's wrong with him?

Why is the Man always after me,  
trying to put me down? Why  
won't He just leave me alone?

Foosh!!



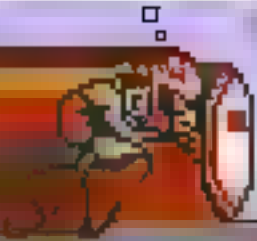
ZOOM!!



ZOOM!!



Damn it! Why won't he just stop so I can ask him what the hell's going on? Shit! How can this get any worse?



Hey Proto Man

Oh no...



Bar? What do you think you're doing?

I'm following you guys...



You saw me chasing Mega Man and you just decided to follow?

Yup

Oh god...



LOOK, Bass why don't you  
make yourself useful and  
go try to stop Mega Man

Okay, Proto Man



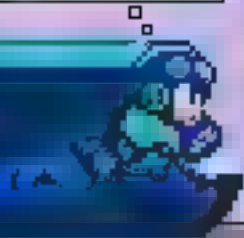
# FOOSH!!



Damn I can't figure out  
which one is stupider..



Gotta keep running...  
Wait why am I running?



Hey Mega Man

What the hell?



Bass? What are you doing?

Proto Man sent  
me to follow you



Oh okay then

Hey, why are you  
running anyway?



To tell you the truth I can't  
remember why I'm running



So why don't you just stop?



Damn it! Don't ever try to  
apply logic to my actions!  
It just screws me up!



Right I remember now  
I'm running cause  
the Man's after me!

The Man?

Yeah He won't  
leave me alone...

WHAM!

On by the way, Bass  
watch out for those  
low hanging trees

Ba ?

Great Mega Man's still  
running and Bass just  
slammed into a tree



Helt, we just need one  
more thing to make this  
day as crazy as it can be



Where the hell's he?



# Happy Halloween!

Boo I'm a ghos t



What's going on? Why is everyone dressed up?



Quit your belly aching and let's get going!



But don't wanna be the Pink Ranger!



God damn you K d  
Get the hell off my lawn





Ahem, as I was saying, we  
just need one more person  
to make this day complete



POOF



Ta-da!




What the heck took  
you so long?




Jesus, I was in  
the bathroom.  
Give me a break.




A pixel art comic strip panel showing two characters. On the left, a character with red hair and a green top asks a question. On the right, a character with dark hair and a blue top responds.

What do you mean?


So, what did you want anyway?

A pixel art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

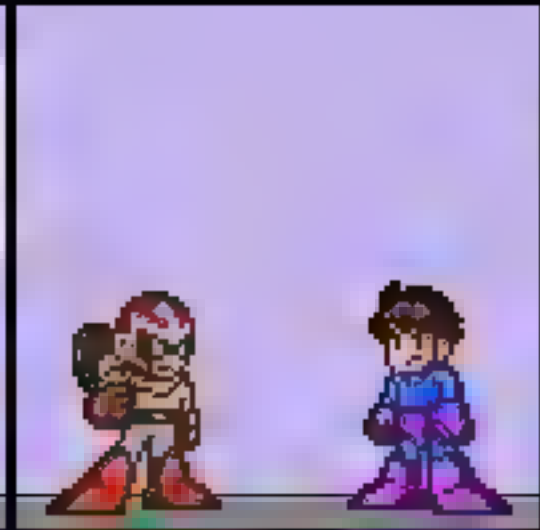
Well, you not so subtly hinted at my arrival, and I arrived. What did you want?

A pixel art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

Oh, right... Damn... forgot

A pixel art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

Well, isn't it? Now we've gone and waited a whole strip. I hope you're happy.



Pfoof!



Ta-



ZOOM!



Shit that was fast...



Pfoof!

Mega Man I command  
you to stop running!



ZOOM!



That's it No more  
Mr Nice Author



Gotta keep running if I  
stop, the purple floating  
alien will steal my brain



Pfoof!



Mega Man! Stop  
running from me!



AAAAAAAAA!!!!

ZOOM!!





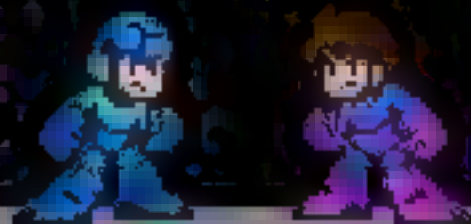
Now, what were  
you running for?



I can't remember exactly...  
I think I hit that wall too  
hard. But it had definitely  
something to do with you...



Krak-a-BOOM!!



Damn ominous thunder

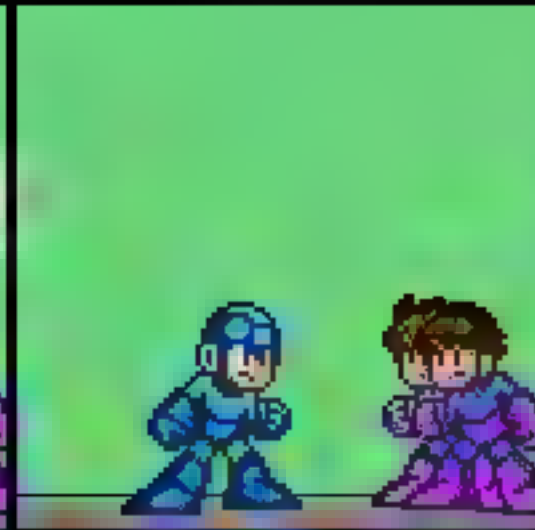












Okay, wait Both of you  
can't be the Author.

Right

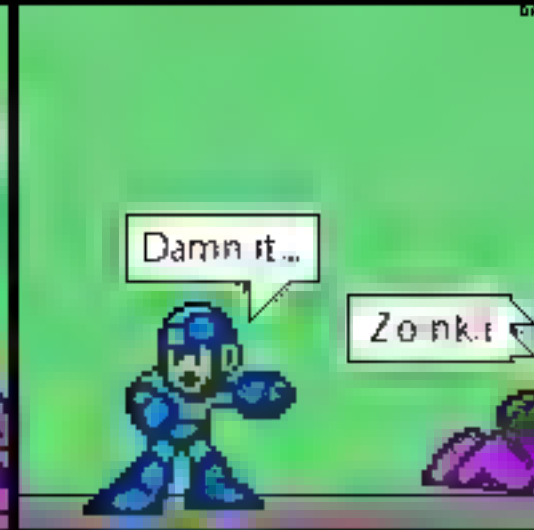
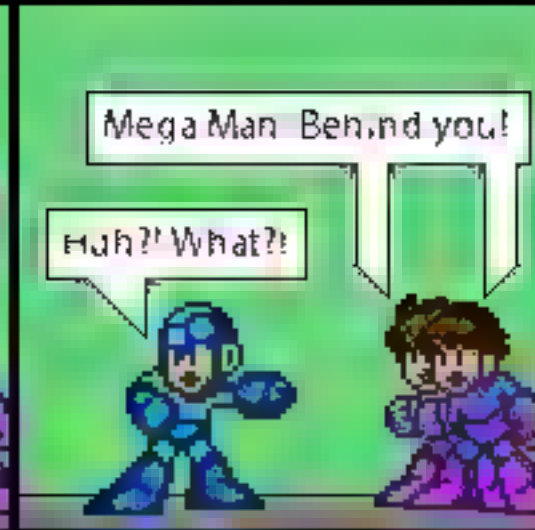
So, which one of you  
is the real Author?

I am

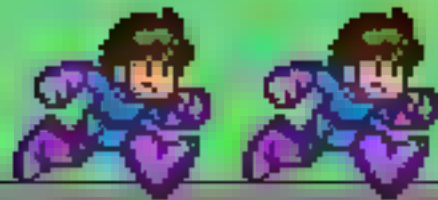
Then which one  
is the imposter?

He is

Damn it all! This isn't  
getting me anywhere!  
Why do I even bother?





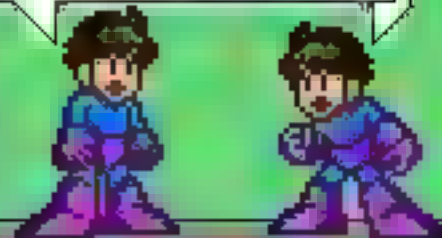


Okay, I think we're  
in the clear now



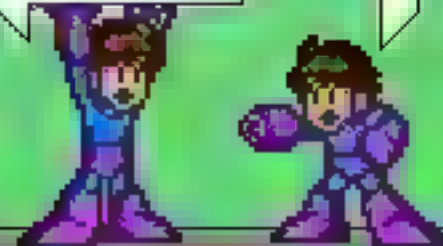
Now, perhaps you  
would like to explain  
who you really are

Why should I tell you?



Because I'm the one with  
the baster, you impostor

Okay, that  
works for me





Wait just a minute!  
How do I know you're  
really the Author?

What?

What proof do you  
have that you're  
the real Author?

Um, I can do this...

Pfoof!

Pfoof!

Good enough for you?

Yeah I suppose

But who are you?  
Why are you doing this?

Don't you know?  
Can't you tell?



Why don't you  
take a closer look?

Well, you look like me...  
but there's... the... the...



Oh my God! You're....!


Exactly



But if you're here  
what about...


He'll be along shortly



A two-panel comic strip featuring two pixelated characters in blue and purple suits. In the first panel, the character on the left asks, "Why are you here?" and the character on the right asks, "What do you want?".

Why are you here?  
What do you want?

What do we want?

In the second panel, the character on the right explains their motivation: "We're here to get what is rightfully ours! You've spurned us twice and we want our revenge!".

We're here to get what is  
rightfully ours! You've  
spurned us twice and  
we want our revenge!

In the third panel, the character on the left responds with "You mean ....", and the character on the right clarifies: "That's right! That's exactly what we're going to do!".

You mean ....

That's right! That's  
exactly what we're  
going to do!

In the final panel, the character on the left says "Oh, okay", and the character on the right asks, "What? Wait, are we talking about the same thing here?".

Oh, okay

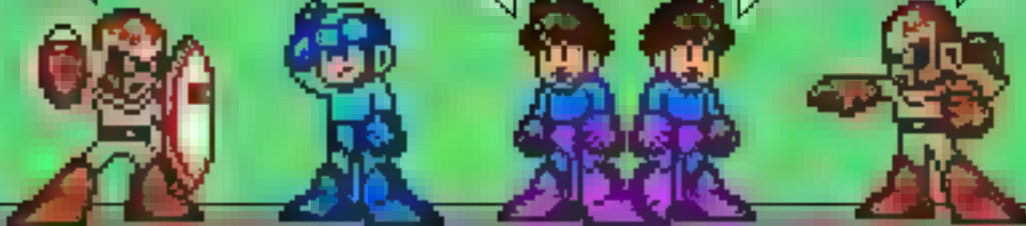
What? Wait, are we  
talking about the  
same thing here?



Just who in the hell do you think you are?

I'm a psycho with enough firepower to take out Texas

Don't panic, we can explain this



And, don't like being talked to in that tone!

I don't give a shit what you like, you imposter!

My head hurt

Did you know about this?!



For God's sake Stop it! This fighting is getting us  
nowhere Jesus You're bickering like children!



No I don't! He did

Did too

But he started t

Did not

That's it, I'm getting out of here

Me too!



Those dot imposters  
They're just making a  
mess of this whole comic.



Wait a minute... Now that I  
stop to think about it they  
seemed awfully familiar...

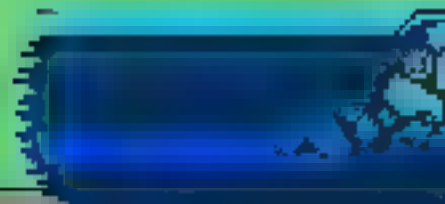


Screeeeech

Oh no... now who they are  
I have to warn the others!



ZOOM!



Come on guys I'm sure we can  
settle this like respectable men

I am SO gonna kick your ass

I'd like to see you try you hack.



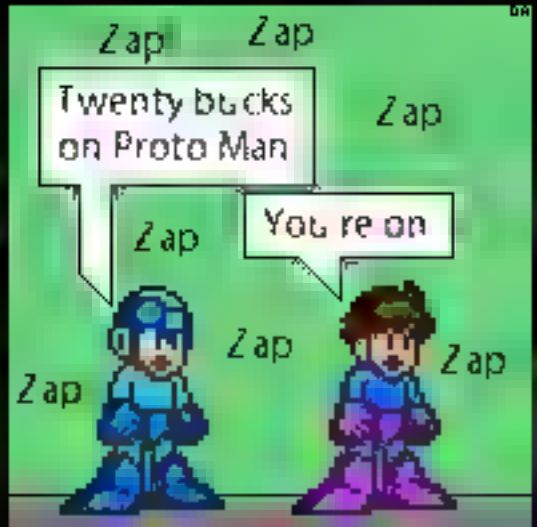
Okay, time to get out of  
the psychos lines of fire

EAT THIS BITCH

EAT THIS BITCH









Now then, what the hell is  
going on? Who are you?

Fine tell me...



No wait you  
ruin the suspense

Screw the suspense  
I'm tired of this crap



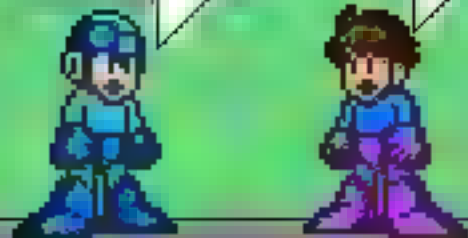
I won't let you do that

Yeah?! Well I'd like to  
see you try and stop me

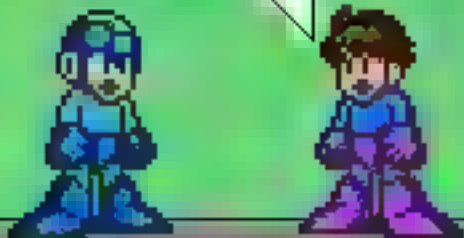


Mega Man You have to go  
after the other imposter!

What? Why?



Because if you don't  
I have to force my  
will on you just like  
I did to Proto Man

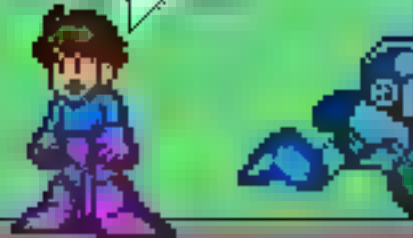


Okay, okay! No need to  
threaten me like that!  
I'm going, I'm going



I heard that

Stupid, erk.



Stupid Author, making me  
chase this guy all around



Hold the phone  
What is that?



It looks like the imposter  
removed the Author's  
clothes, but why?



Damn it, do NOT  
want to be chasing a  
naked guy around





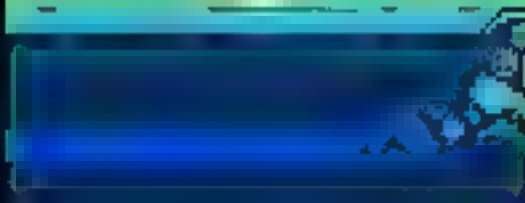
Just don't get it...  
Why am I so nervous?



I mean, it's not like  
I haven't been in the  
strip before, right?



**ZOOM!!**



Hey S.T.U.P.I.D! Back here.



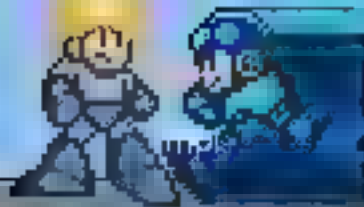
Okay here comes  
Mega Man again I,  
stop him this time



We I may not be able  
to create an invincible  
warrior like the Author,  
but I have my ways



ZO-!



AAAAAHHH!!

What? I'm not  
proud of it...







But wait if you're not  
Bob, who are you?

Take a wild guess

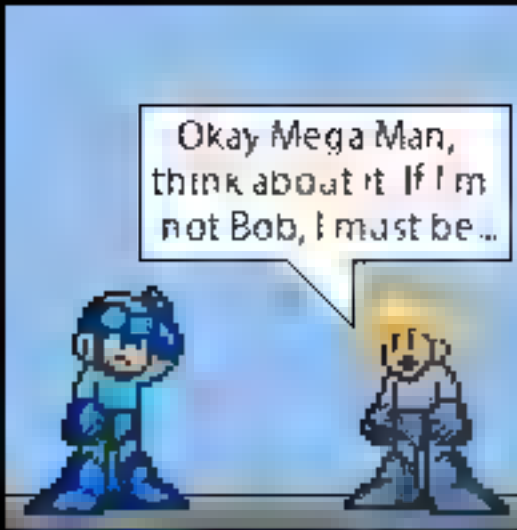
Wait! got it You're ...

Yes?

No, nope I don't it

Are you really that stupid?

I think the answer to  
that is pretty obvious





So, George, why'd you come here anyway?

Bob and I figured we ought to actually be in our comic strip

Besides, the real world is boring. This place is much more fun.

You do realize we're just standing around eating ice cream, don't you?

Yeah, but we've actually read the strip. Something screwed up is bound to happen eventually.

So, what's the  
real world like?

It's pretty boring



Oh sure, there's the  
occasional alien abduction  
and body snatchers, but it's  
mostly just school and work



Um...

I, just hope those  
pesky aliens don't  
follow me here



So like, what's the deal with the Author?

What do you mean?



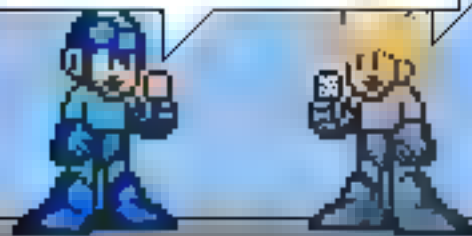
Who is he? Where does he come from? What's his real name?

I don't know. I've never bothered to ask.



Why not?

He can get real pissy sometimes and we figure it's not a good idea to piss off your creator.



Hey! I heard that.

See?

Yeah









Is it really a good idea to  
make fun of your creator?



What, he gonna do  
smite me? He knows  
I'm too important  
to the comic trip



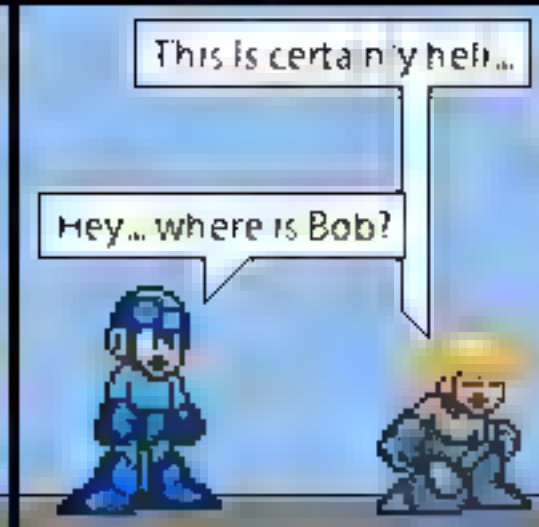
Pfoof!

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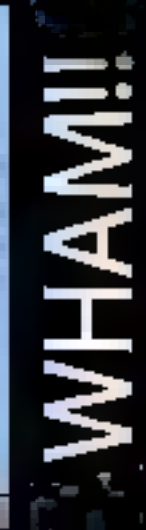
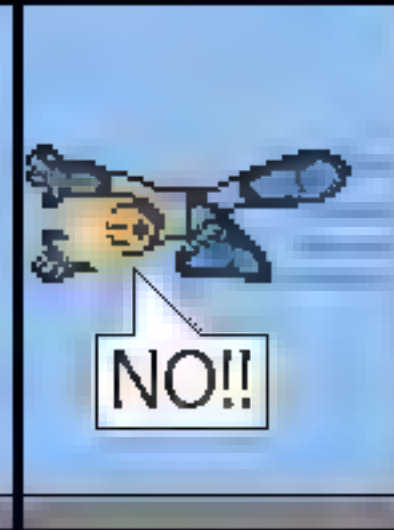
Where'd my  
ice cream go?

OH GOD! Why ha t  
thou forsaken me?











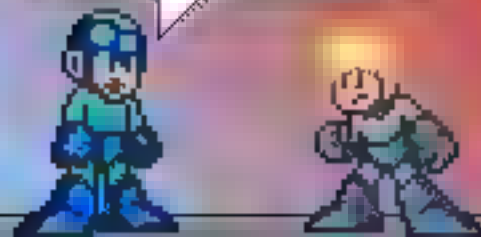
What's the big deal?  
Why can't I see what  
happened to Bob?



Because Bob is pure evil!  
If he happened to have  
survived Proto Man's  
attack, we're all doomed



What the hell...?  
What's happening  
to the background?



On my GOD! The story line  
is changing! Run for your  
lives! Bob is coming!!



If Bob is so evil, why  
did you bring him  
in here with you?

He said he'd kill me if  
I didn't bring him along

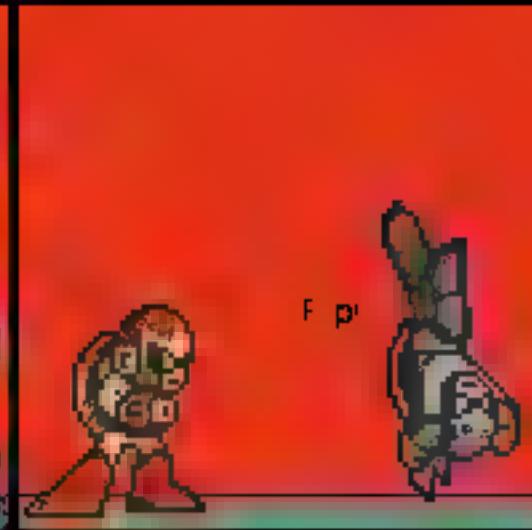
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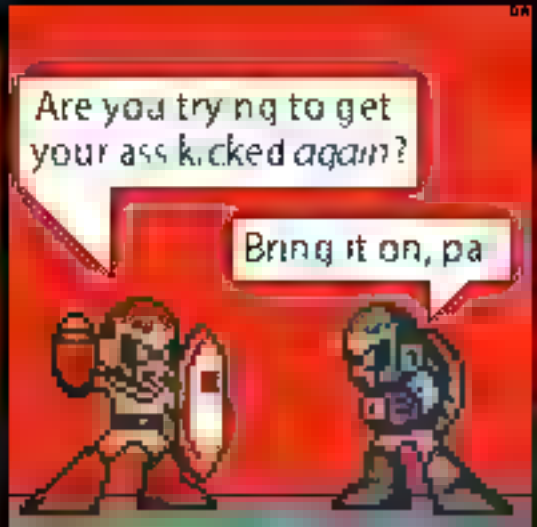
If he's so mean why  
do you bother hanging  
around with him?

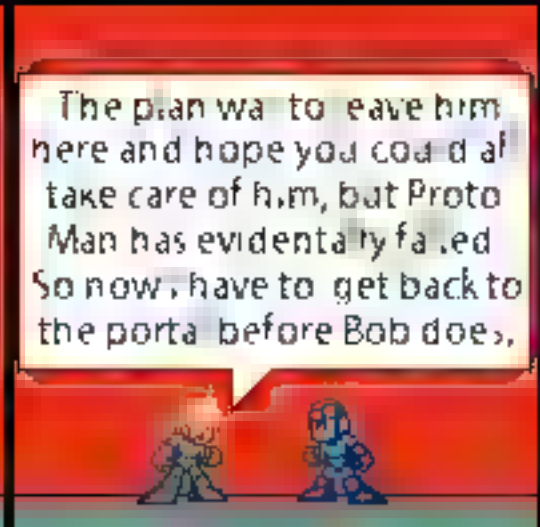
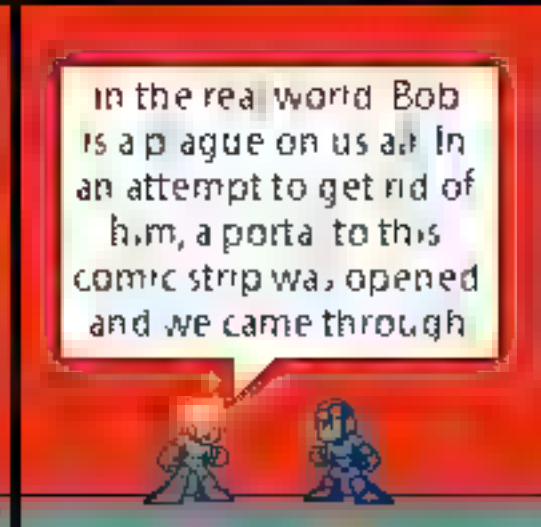
I have to, he's my brother

WHAT?!?



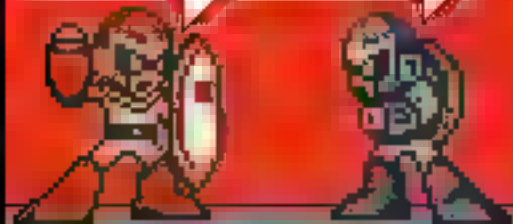






You seem pretty sure  
of yourself there Slick

I should be Myb a ter  
hasn't let me down yet



Well there's a first time  
for everything Watch this



Wa-na-na-nah...  
Ka-CLICK!



Shit Specia effects  
and everyth ng!  
This guy is good...



Sheen



At right! Enough of the  
banter! Suck it dolphin

Buzz...

Fwoosh!!

Snap!  
Crackle!  
Pop!

Oh shit

Okay you're saying  
that Bob's an evil  
supervillain and...

Proto Man?



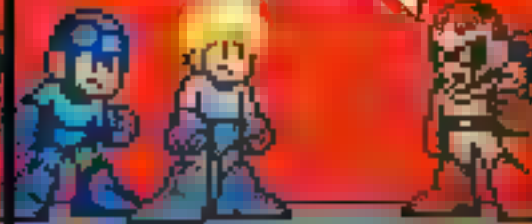
H guy, just thought  
I'd drop in and say hi

But aren't you supposed  
to be fighting with Bob?



Proto Man!!  
Get back here!!

Ah... gotta go now...



This is bad isn't it?

Very



On my god... I've never,  
ever seen Proto Man run  
away from a fight before

I mean, even when he was  
fighting the Yellow Demon  
he didn't back down

This Bob, erk must really  
be one tough son of a...

He's right behind  
me, isn't he?

Bob Prepare for the  
ass-kicking of your life



Shuffle shuffle shuffle...



Shuffle shuffle shuffle...



And George is the one  
that's gonna do it!

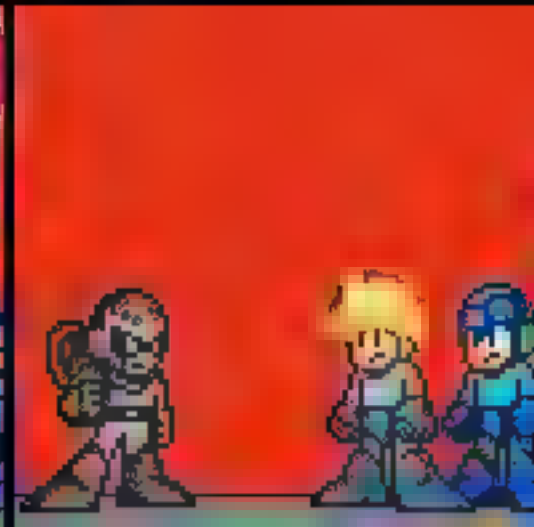
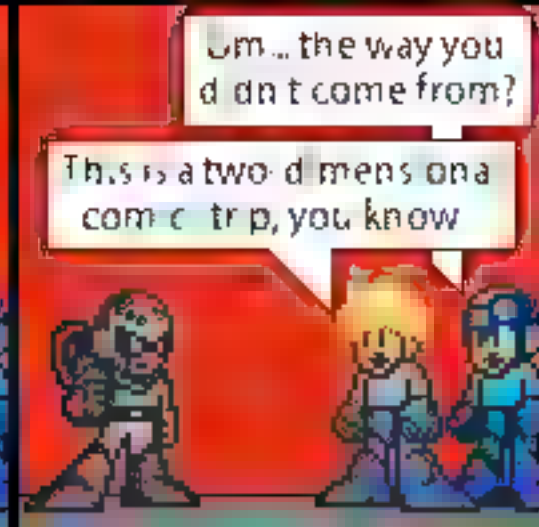




Look, guys, this is very  
amusing and all, but  
I just don't consider  
either of you a threat

Maybe after I kill Proto  
Man I can come back  
and kill you both but  
right now I'm too busy

I don't know whether  
to feel elated or really  
really depressed





Hee hee

Help! Help!  
It's so cold

Who threw that  
snowball at me?

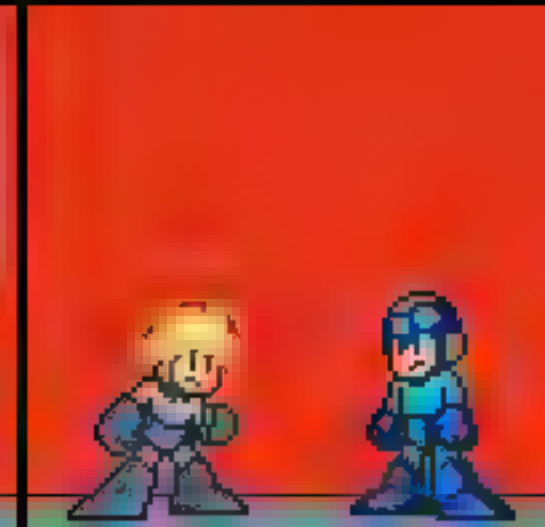
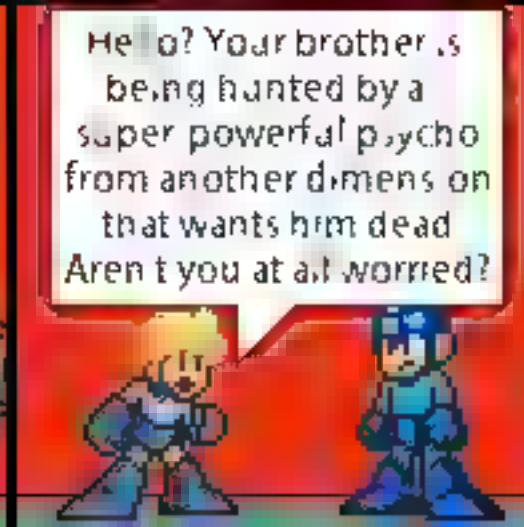
Why am I the Pink Ranger?!

Oh quit complaining  
and go sit on Santa's lap

I have got to  
get out of here

Happy Holidays!

That's it I've warned  
them. Go get my gun






My God You're right  
At this time... I've  
been so misled!

I've been taking Proto  
Man, my only brother  
for granted all my life

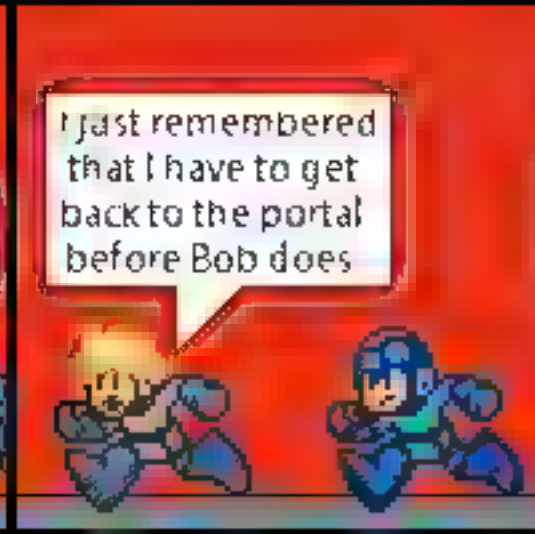
Well it stops here!  
Now! I declare from this  
moment on no longer  
I have had an epipha...

Hey! Get back here!  
I'm not the Author!  
You can't do this to me



A comic strip panel showing two characters, a boy with blonde hair and a girl with blue hair, both wearing blue and purple outfits. They are standing on a grey floor against a red background. The boy is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right.


Hey Where do you think you're going?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right.


I just remembered that I have to get back to the portal before Bob does

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right.

What does it look like?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right.

Well, it's big and shiny and looks like what an extra-dimensional portal should

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right.

Like that?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is on the left, looking towards the girl on the right.

Yes, like that



Wow So that's the  
portal. It's very bright...  
and portal-looking.



Of course, I suppose that's  
how it's supposed to look.  
I mean, what kind of portal  
doesn't look like a portal?




But hey we made it  
to the portal before  
Bob, right? Right?



Damn it



A four-panel pixel art comic strip featuring Mega Man, Proto Man, and a character named Bob. In each panel, Mega Man (blue) and Proto Man (blue) are on the left, and Bob (grey) is on the right. The background is a dark red gradient. The panels show a conversation where Bob explains his plan to trap Mega Man by luring him with a story about Proto Man's escape.

Bob? What are you doing here? I thought you were fighting Proto Man

I know about George's plan to trap me here so I thought I'd go home early and trap him instead

Besides *was* fighting Proto Man, but he just ran away

That's impossible Proto Man would never run away!

Um Mega Man? Didn't we see him running away?

Shush

I don't care what you  
say about Proto Man  
you will never get  
through that porta!



And who's going to  
stop me? You two?

Exactly!



Quick. George, on  
the count of three,  
pull out your blaster

But I don't have a blaster



Nevermind Bob. You  
will not get past me!

And here I thought I wasn't  
going to have any fun...





It's okay man  
just let it out

Sir, I'm the bouncer and I  
think you've had enough

I'll bloody tell you when  
I've \*n.c.\* had enough!

My mother would  
be so proud that  
I finally have a job

What, did you think we'd  
have a real comic today?

For the last time  
leave me a one!

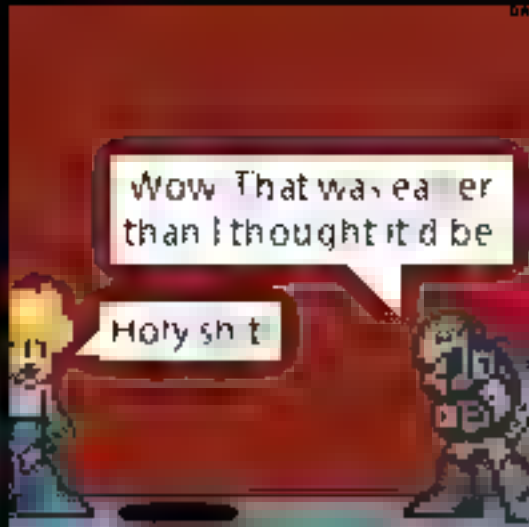
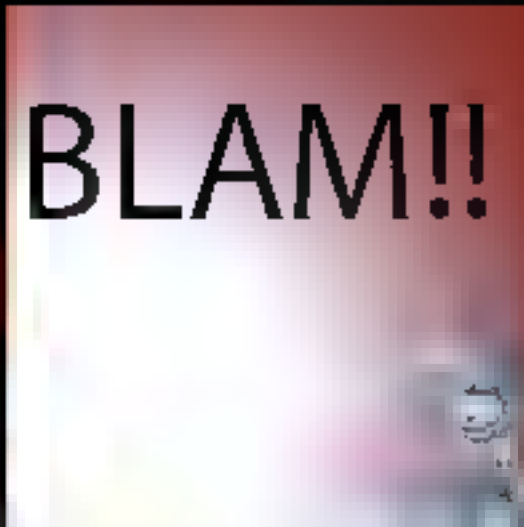
C'mon baby, you  
know you want me

Happy New Year's!

Barf!
















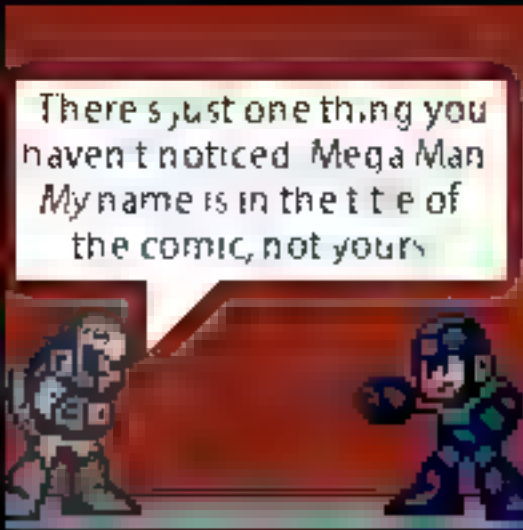


What's with you?  
Why won't you die?

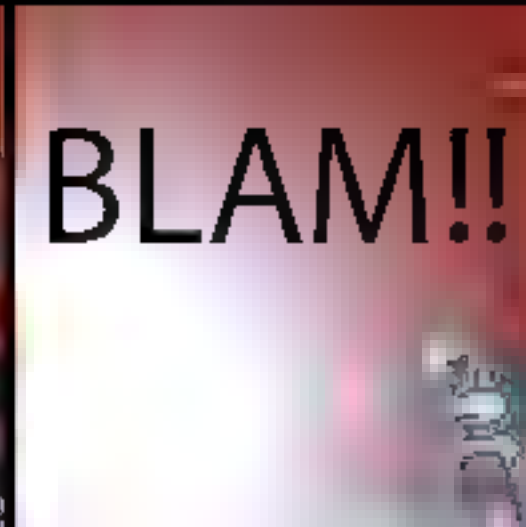
What do you mean?

No matter how many times  
I beat you to smithereens,  
you just keep coming back

Oh, that it's just a perk of  
being the main character  
in the comic strip







Bob's Perspective...

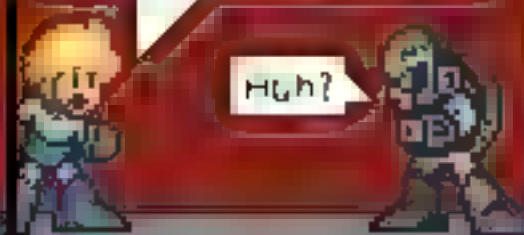
Okay, let's try this again...

What? Mega Man?

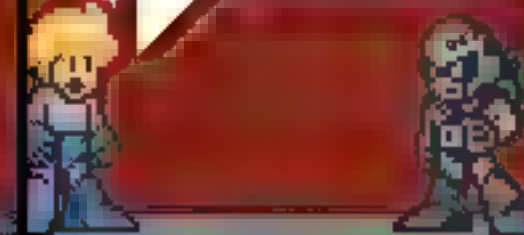


Mega Man? You're dead

Huh?

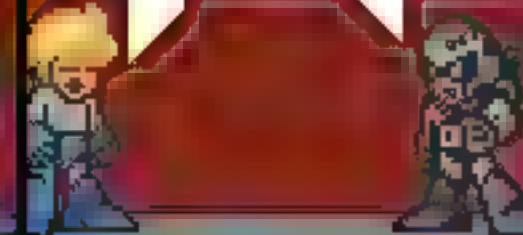


But I don't have a blaster!  
The Force? What?

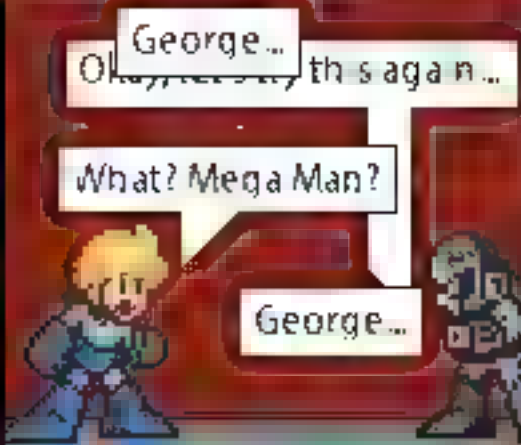


Quit yelling at me!

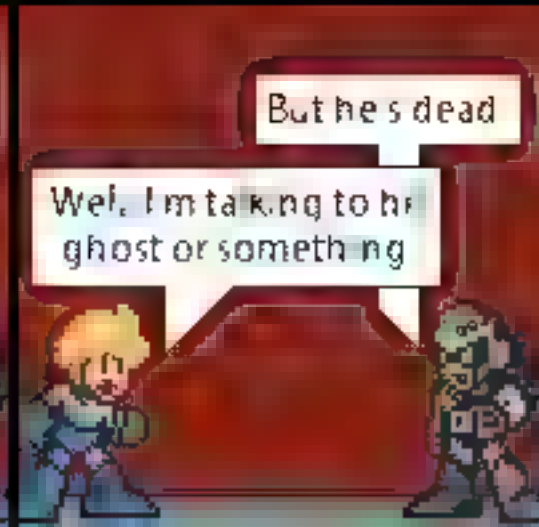
And I thought I was the  
crazy one in the family




# George's Perspective...







A pixelated comic strip panel showing a boy on the left and a girl on the right. The girl is speaking.


Wait a minute, what am I  
scared for? I'm not really  
here. You can't hurt me.

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the boy and girl. The girl is speaking.

We'll see about that.

A pixelated comic strip panel showing a large, bright white explosion or impact in the center of the frame.

**BLAM!!**

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the boy and girl. The boy is speaking.

How in the hell?

I'm just that good.



What in God's name is that?!

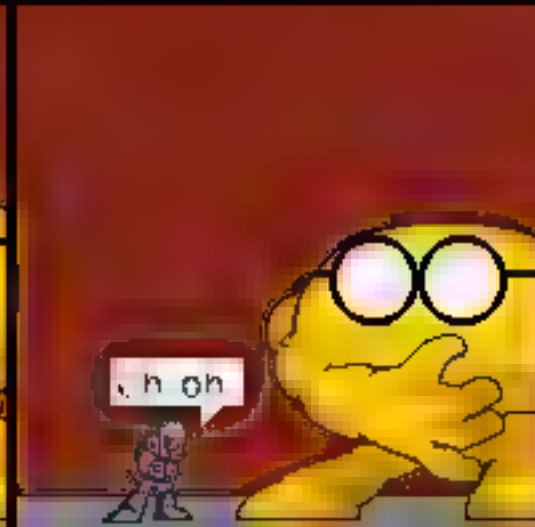
It looks like the Yellow Demon...

I can see that But why is it wearing glasses?

Maybe it's near sighted...

Roar!







No No No!  
Don't close

Whoosh!

Nononononono


NO!

Wink.

Clunk!

No ...





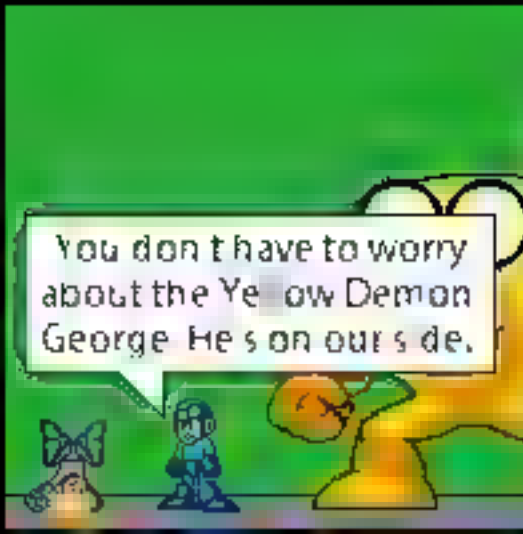
George: Are you okay?  
What happened?

Bob got away. He made it  
through the portal and  
now my world is screwed.


Oh that sucks. Now what  
are you going to do?

I thought I'd just stay here  
and let the Yellow Demon  
murder me to death.

An


A comic strip panel showing a character with a large blue bow on their head and a blue robot-like character with a visor. They are standing in front of a large, stylized yellow tree with a green top. The background is a solid green color.

You don't have to worry about the Yellow Demon George. He's on our side.


A comic strip panel showing the same two characters from the previous panel. The character with the bow is now speaking, and a speech bubble is above their head.

What?! How?

After Proto Man and I destroyed him, Dr. Light rebuilt him.

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The blue robot-like character is now speaking, and a speech bubble is above their head.

In fact, the reason Proto Man ran off was to get him.

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character with the bow is now speaking, and a speech bubble is above their head.

Well, then, who should I talk to about completely screwing over my home dimension?

Wait a minute Mega Man.  
I thought you died!

Who, me? Nah - I'm made of  
tougher stuff than that

But you were a ghost  
And you yelled at me

I assure you that there's a  
rational explanation for all  
of that, but I don't have it

That's it I'm not going  
anywhere until I have  
some damn answers

Pfoof!

Ask and you shall receive!

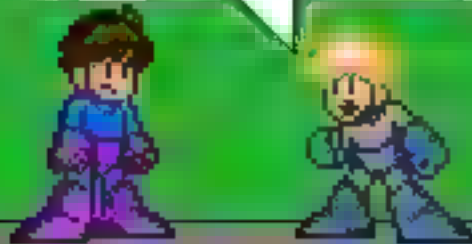
Can I have some...

No

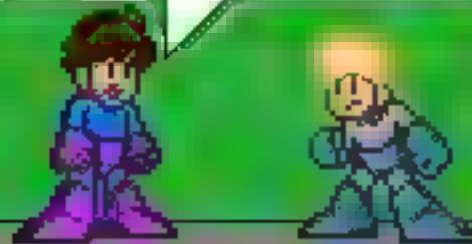
So, what would  
you like to know?



Well, for starters,  
please explain how  
Mega Man kept coming  
back from the dead



Let's just say that Mega Man  
has the extraordinary  
ability to not recognize  
life-threatening injuries



So, in other words  
he's too stupid to die?

Um...

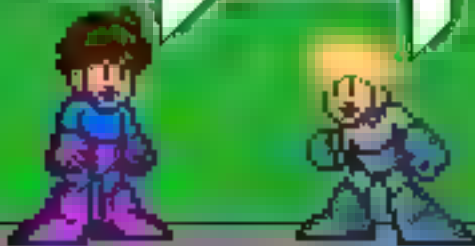


Actually the answer is quite simple. The blasts didn't vaporize Mega Man. They just blew him clear.



Then what about the ghost saw?

Simply a hologram rigged up by Dr. Light.




Then how'd Bob blow it up??

Uh...



George, you're not helping to fill in these plot holes...



A four-panel comic strip featuring Mega Man and George in a forest. Mega Man is a blue robot with a helmet and a visor. George is a small, brown, furry creature with large ears and a long tail. They are standing on a path with green grass and yellow trees in the background. In the first panel, George is speaking to Mega Man. In the second panel, George is speaking again. In the third panel, there is no dialogue. In the fourth panel, Mega Man is speaking to George.

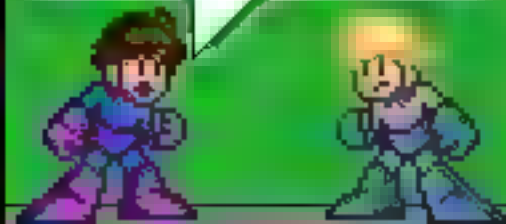
Hey Mega Man,  
what's going on?

The Author and George  
are making fun of me

Ah

Who's George?

So, the blast overloaded the holographic matrix, okay? Now, what else do you want to know?



Well, how do you do that blaster arm thing?

Oh, that's easy



You just stick out your arm and think about it. Your suit will respond by morphing the blaster onto that arm.



It's so easy even Mega Man can do it

Great now feel really stupid







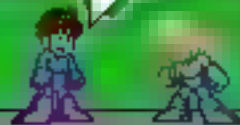
Okay so we covered  
the b aster and Mega  
Man's apparent deaths  
Anything else?



Well there is the whole  
matter of the giant Yellow  
Demon that fwapped Bob



Ah you refer to the Yellow  
Demon Prototype Mark N4 T3



After the original Yellow Demon was destroyed, Dr. Light used the remains to build this Prototype, N4-T3.

Hey, N4-T3... that's like NATE!  
I'm gonna call him Nate!



Oh, right, so anyway, N4-T3 is capable of transforming himself into any desired shape, somewhat like the original Yellow Demon, but with much more range.

That's great, but what are the goals, for?

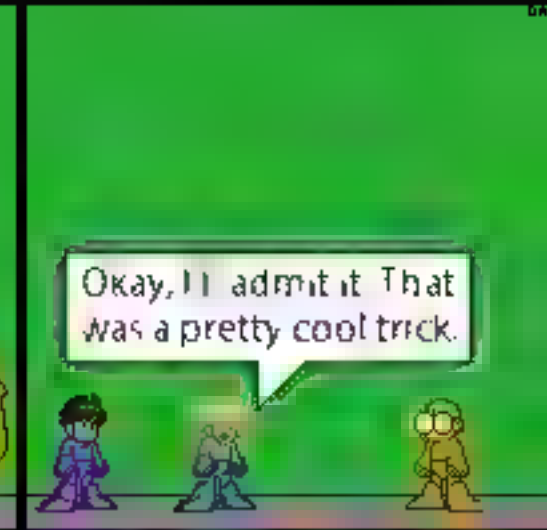
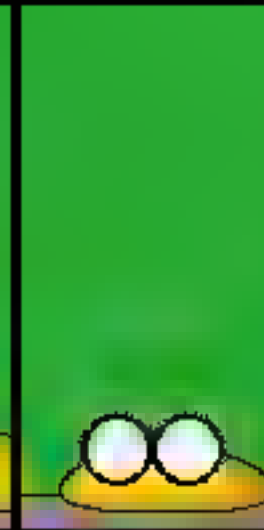
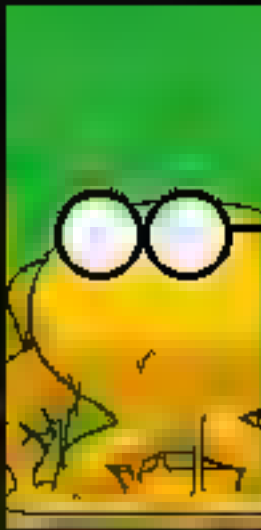
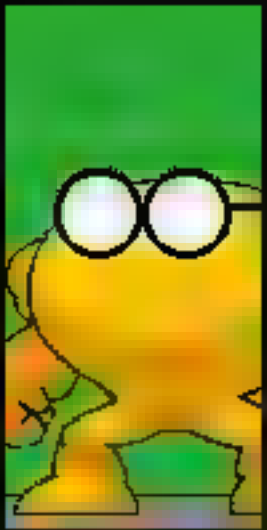


The glasses are a specially designed device to control the Yellow Demon. That and N4-T3, near sighted

An So, um, explain to me why this N4-T3 fwapped Bob directly into the porta? The one place we didn't want him to go?

Well, um, I'm sure there's a perfectly good explanation. And while I think about it, check this out! N4-T3, humanoid form, transform!

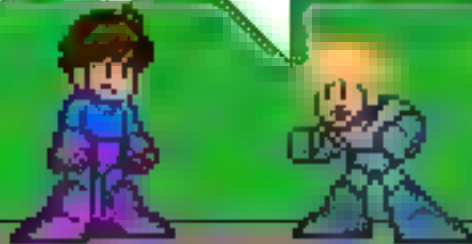
Well it had better be a pretty good explanation or there's gonna be a whole lot of people pissed at you



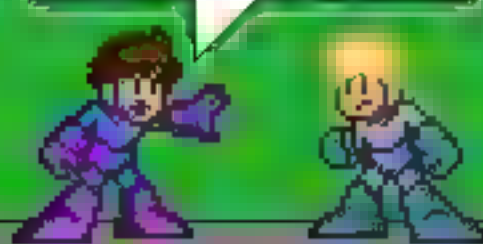
Anyway that still doesn't explain why you let Bob get through that portal



In fact, why haven't you done anything at all? You're supposed to be God here why didn't you just stop Bob?

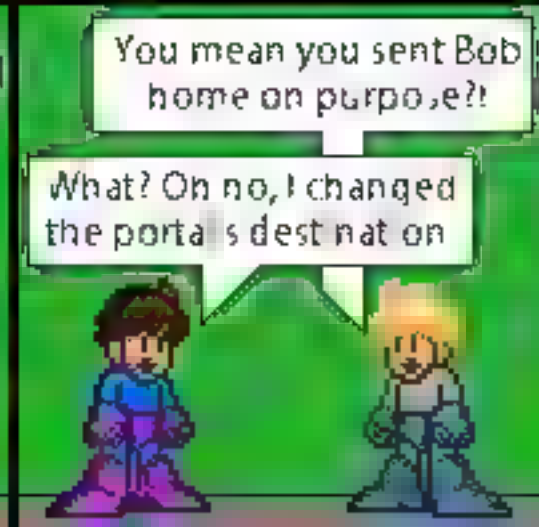


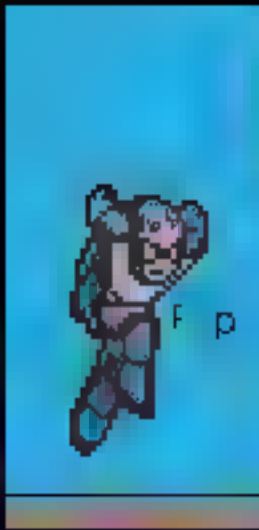
How did it 'go right there'? What makes you think I've haven't done anything?



I have you know that everything that has transpired has done so according to my plan











Yes Finally something  
to shoot at! To k, !!

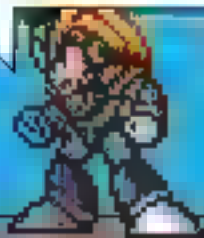
Look. Look. can stand  
up & de-down on my shield

And I'm telling you that  
Quantum Mechanics is  
an incomplete theory!

I'm telling you that  
Einstein is wrong!

That's it I'm gonna peck  
out his goddamn eyes

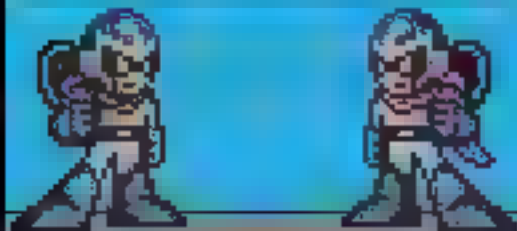
It's okay can handle  
this It's just a screwed  
up parallel dimension







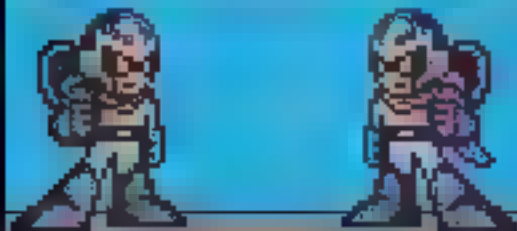
We here at Bob and George  
would like to take this time  
to apologize for our  
stereotypical portrayal  
of homosexuals



We understand that most  
homosexuals are not nearly  
as "gay" as Bob here, but  
we like to exaggerate  
characteristics for humor

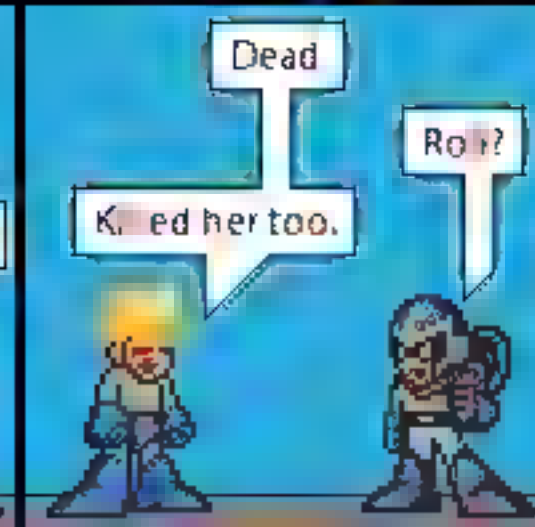


We also apologize that,  
because of Bob's vision, you  
can't see his eye twitching  
which would make today's  
comic much funnier



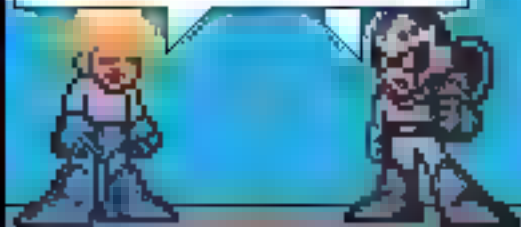
AAAAAAHHH!!!!





Thanks a lot sh thead!  
You killed everyone that  
could've helped me!

Geez Why don't you go  
ask Mega Man and Bass?



Oh yeah! Thanks See ya

Yeah yeah No problem



Lm... he...o? Could  
someone help me?



We here at Bob and George  
would just like to say that  
the last comic was in no way  
making fun of blind people



Oh yeah? Well, that  
doesn't freaking help  
me now, does it?!



However, it should be  
noted that George is  
directly responsible  
for his blindness,



Besides, we already picked  
on gay people so why  
not blind people too?



I say the universe  
will collapse!

And I say the Hubble constant is too large for that!

Oh, h Bob What  
can we do for you?

I was wondering if you had a transd mens on a porta contro handy?

Certainly do But right into  
our baskets Let hook up  
and I'll transfer it to you

A right

Say, you're not going to use it to take over other dimensions, are you?

Nope, ju t go ng home

CLICK

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Alright! Let's  
see if this works



choom!



Yes I am so outta here



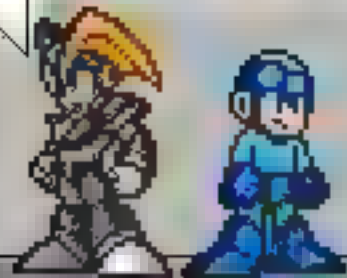
I have no dea



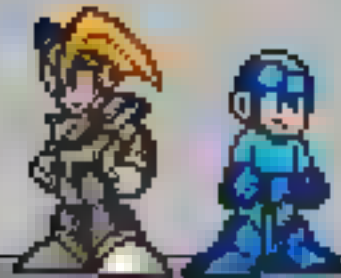
Is that really  
going to work?



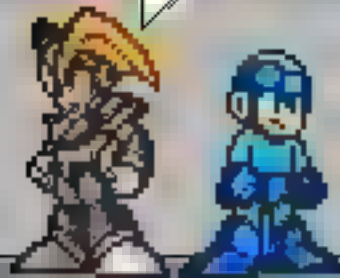
So this is Dr. Light's lab  
huh? I've never been here



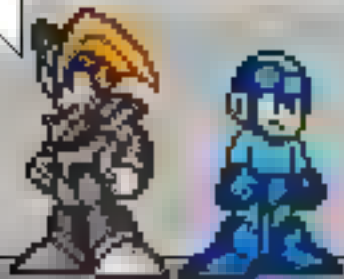
Yes you have Don't you  
remember? In the 7th  
game you ransacked it



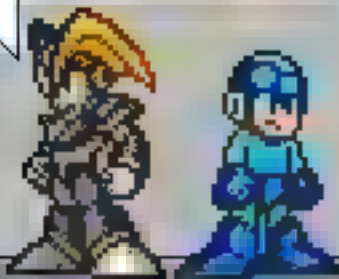
Oh yeah But just that once



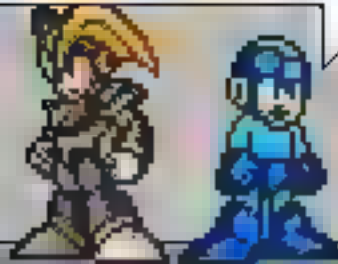
Why exactly are we just standing around here?



I mean, it's a most like we're just waiting for something to happen




Good point. Let's get out of here before something bad happens to us



# Flash!

Ooh... Pretty lights





So then I had to hunt you  
down and defeat you,  
and then go after Dr. Wily

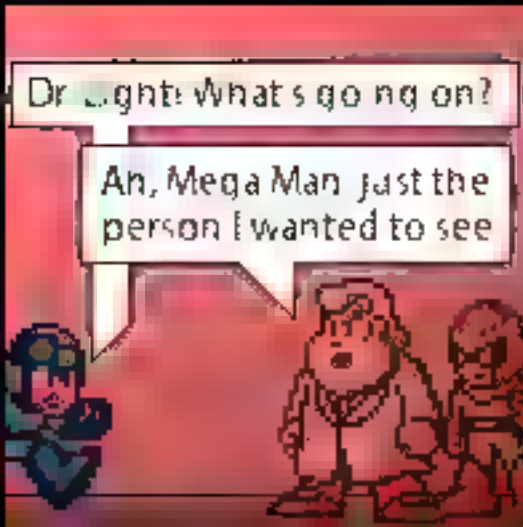
Don't you remember  
any of that, Bass?

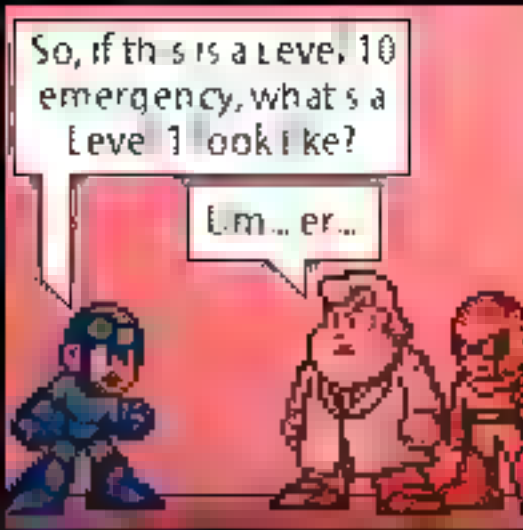
Flash!

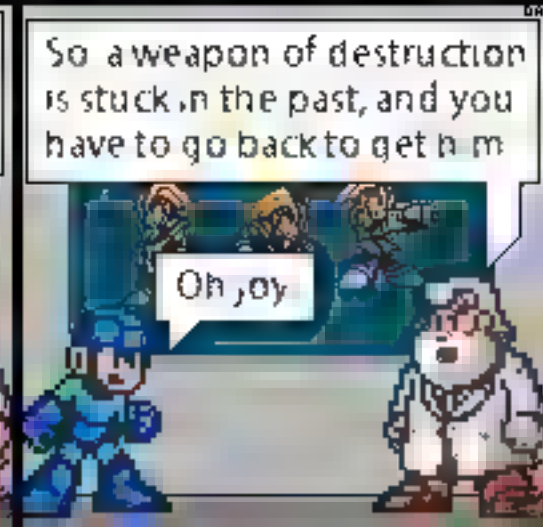
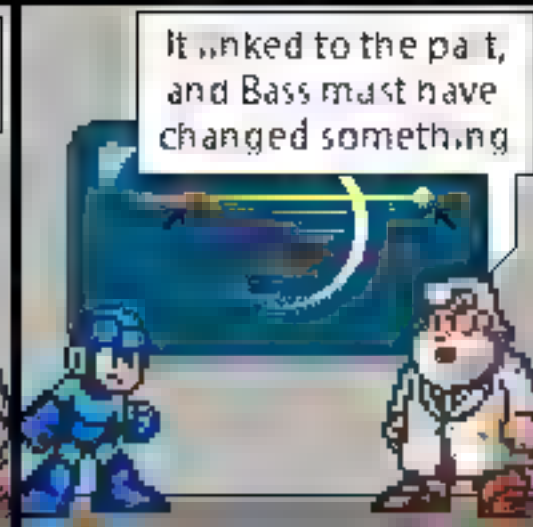
Bass?

WARNING! This is a  
Level 10 Alert!

Aw crap

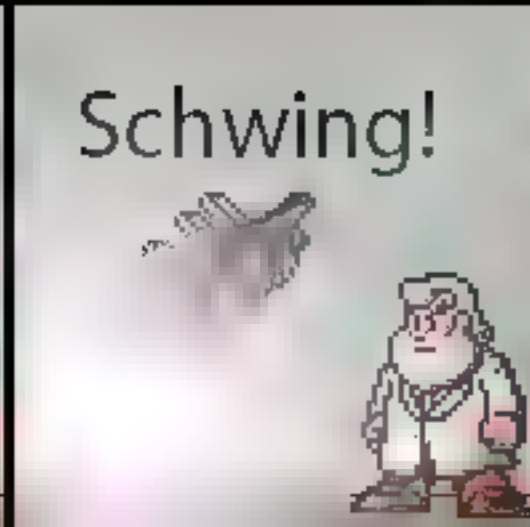












So, what exactly am I supposed to do?

As you have to do...



Warning! Warning!  
Tempora Distort on  
Wave Approaching!

Uh oh...

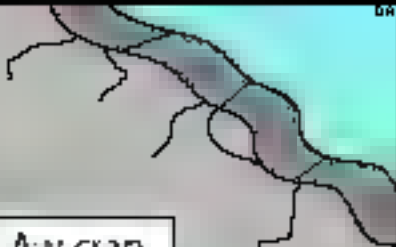
Oh no!



# Whoosh!



Aw crap



We this is just perfect  
I don't have a freaking  
clue what's going on and  
now everyone's gone!



How could this  
get any worse?



Boom!  
Boom!  
Boom!

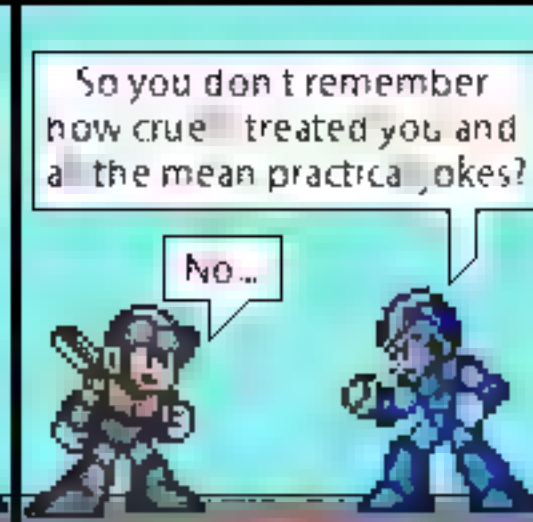



Who the hell  
are you?



Mega Man?







So, X, what are you doing here?

have no idea

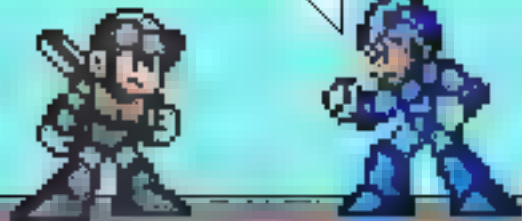
I was just chatting with Dr. Cain when suddenly, a tempora inversion wave ripped through and I ended up here

in other words, you have no idea what we're supposed to do either, huh?

Damn

Nope

Maybe Dr. Light installed some of the components of your time suit when he created me so that just in case I was ever caught in a temporal inversion, I would automatically return to this exact point in time



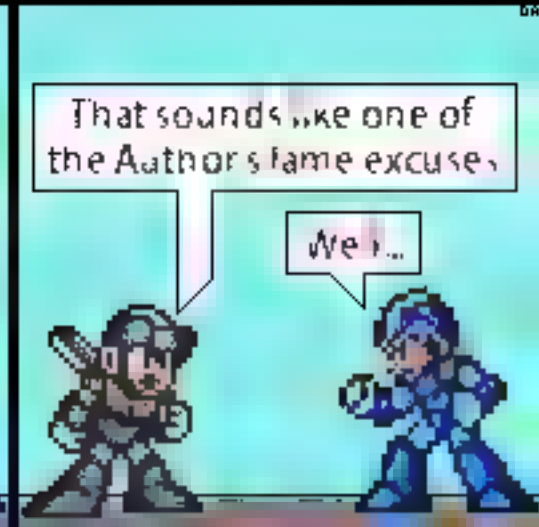
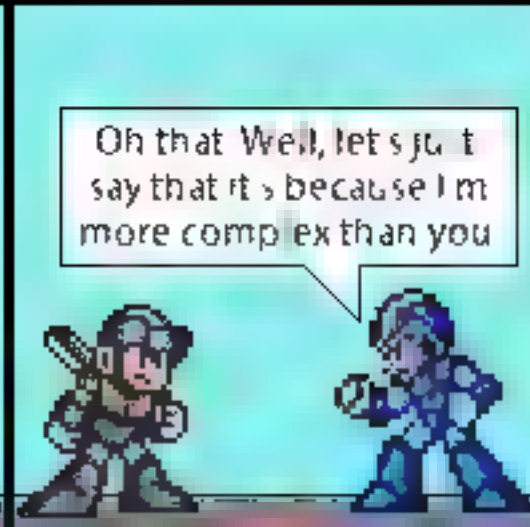
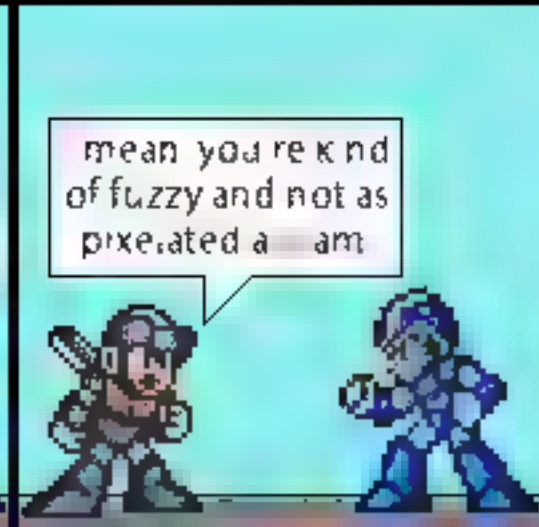
But why would he do something like that?

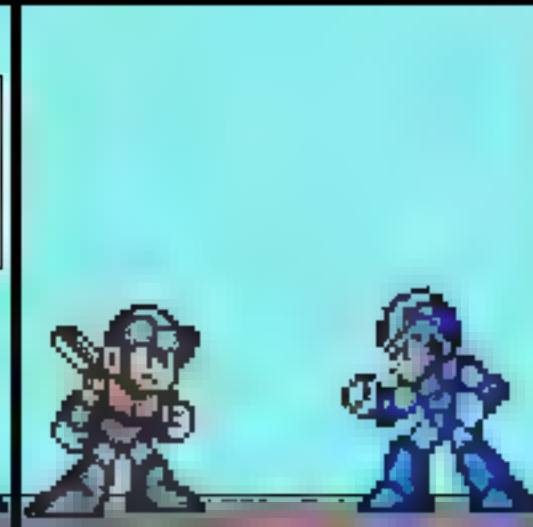
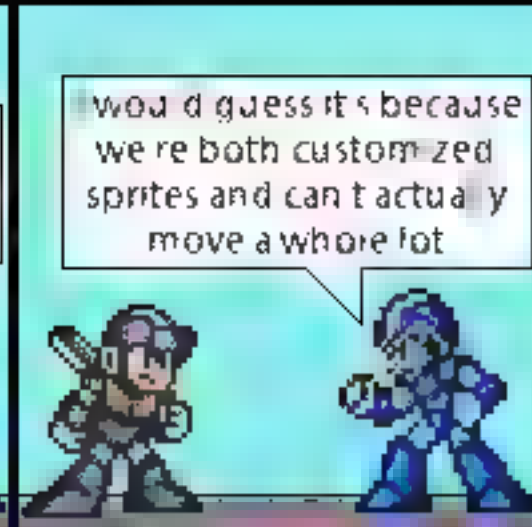


Convenient plot device?

Works for me













Yes That's right  
Just keep chatting  
Keep wasting time

Soon enough, my plans will  
be complete and you fools  
won't be able to stop me!

MWAHAHAHA!

What do you expect?  
I'm a mysterious  
shadowy villain

Maybe something happened in the past and the Author never felt like creating the comic strip at all?

But if that's true, then what are we still doing in the strip?

I hate time travel

All right how do we  
go back and fix this  
whole stupid mess?



Well, I would assume you'd  
just use your time salt to fix  
whatever's been changed



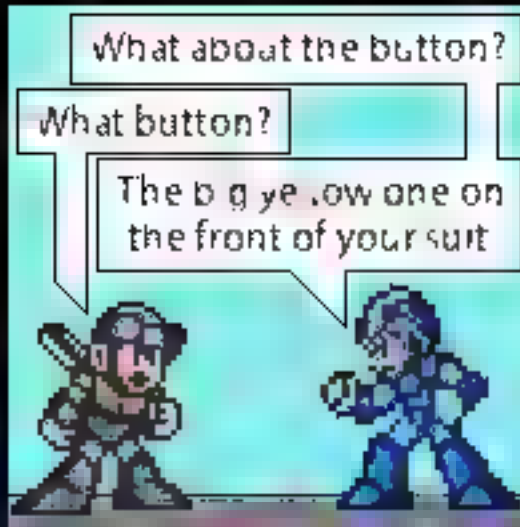
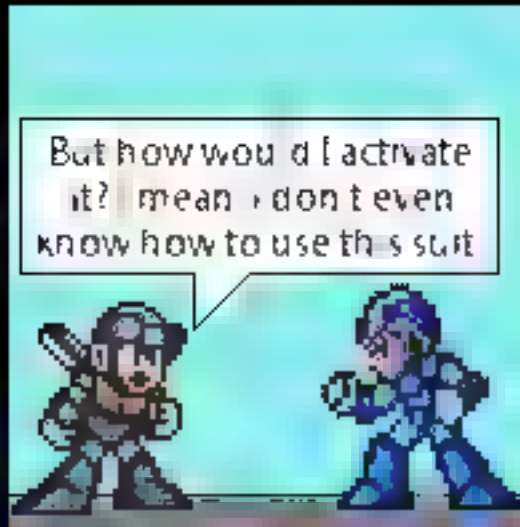
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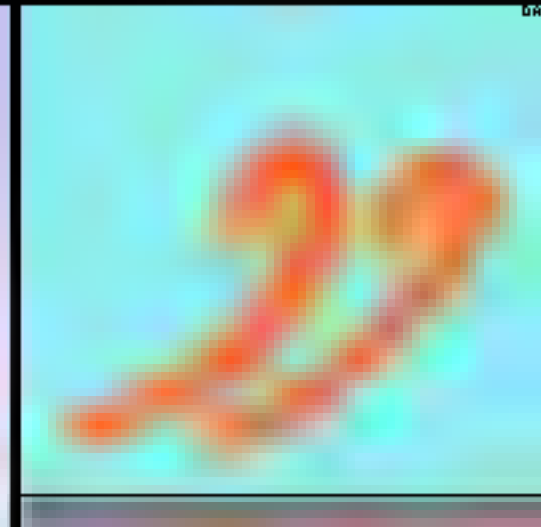


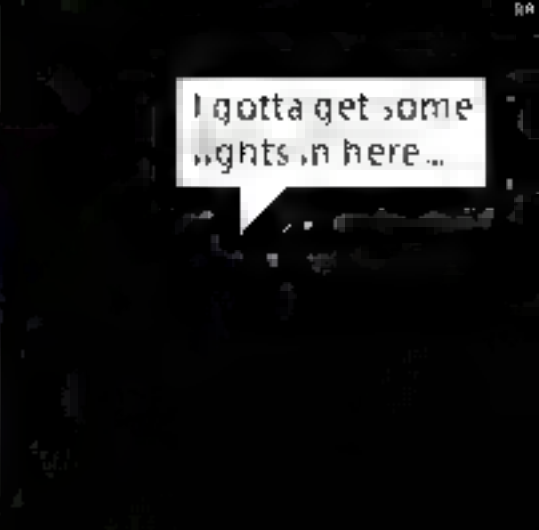
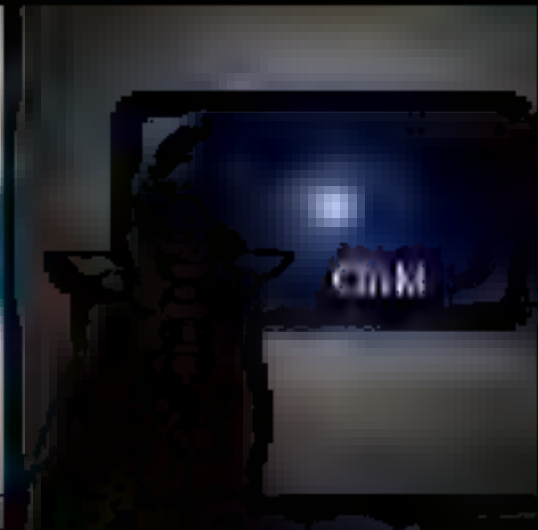
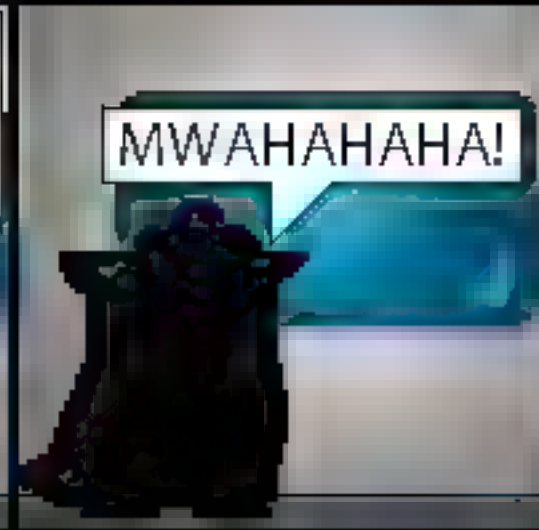
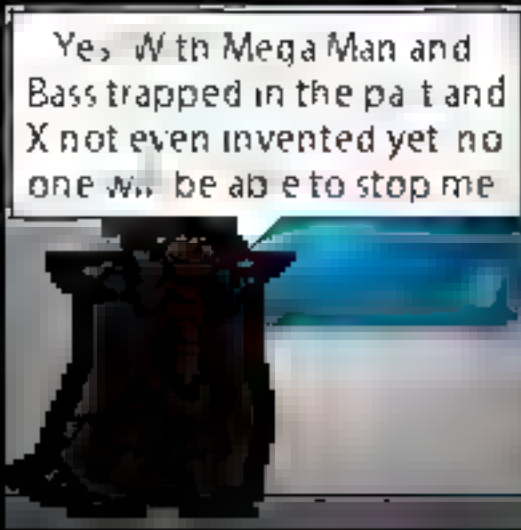
Okay but don't I  
have to know when  
to go back to?

Um...



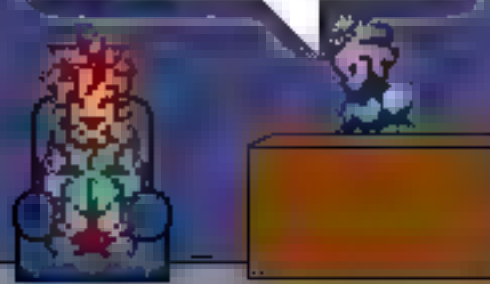








Who would've thought  
time travel could be so  
funny? Well, now for  
our next guest...

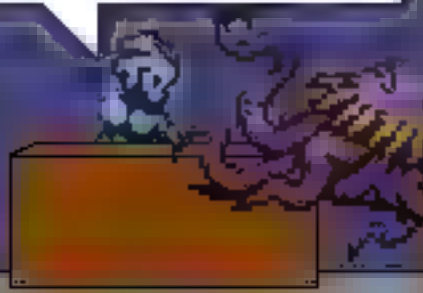


What? What do you  
mean we don't have  
another guest?!

Whisper  
whisper



Atros You idiot! Where  
the hell are we going to  
get another guest now?



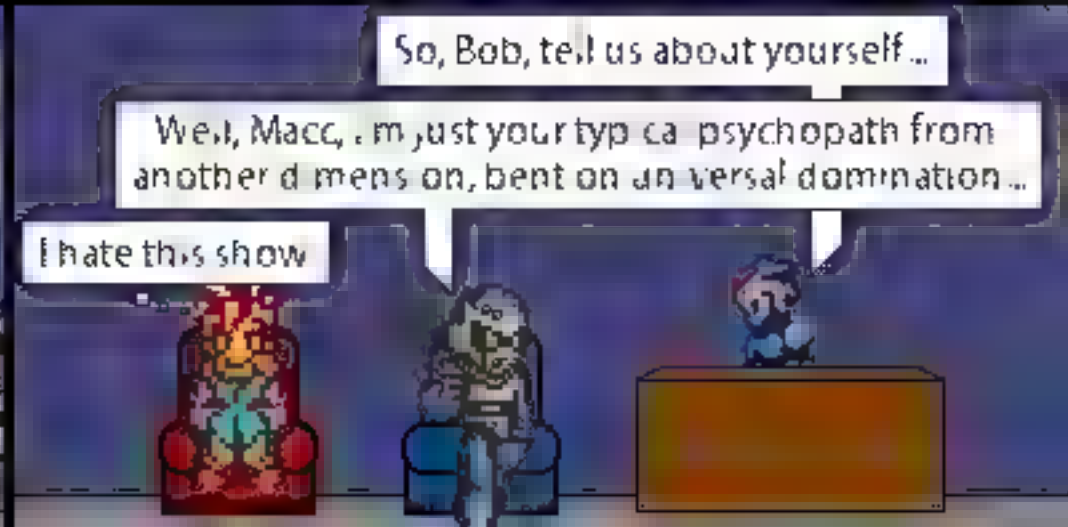
What the hell is that?

Eep



Flash!







Hold it right there

Who're you?

He's Dark Macc, my evil  
de person fied. And the  
show's annoying cohost

How dare you intrude  
on my show during the  
middle of a broadcast?!

But this is MY show!

Whatever. Besides,  
an-versa domination  
is MY gimmick!



You vaporized Dark Macc.

Yeah, well...

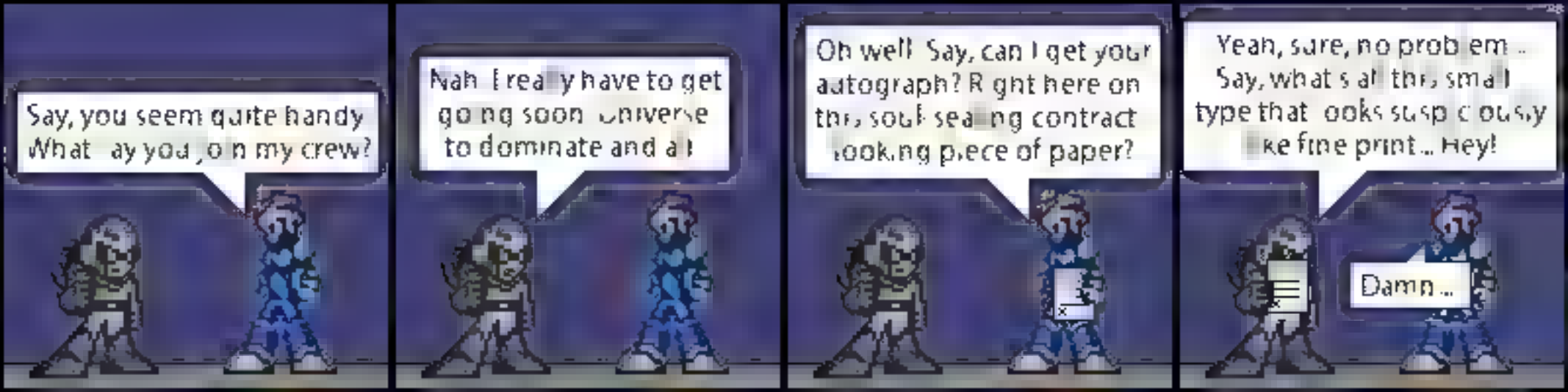
Actually...

Remember that no one died  
on camera, so Dark Macc  
isn't dead, just brown clear.

Say, wanna blast  
someone else?

Sure

Eep



Say, you seem quite handy.  
What say you, on my crew?

Nah. I really have to get  
going soon. Universe  
to dominate and all.

Oh well. Say, can I get your  
autograph? Right here on  
this soul-sealing contract  
looking piece of paper?

Yeah, sure, no problem..  
Say, what's all this small  
type that looks suspiciously  
like fine print... Hey!

Damn...





AAAH Get em off  
Get em off!!

Rowr

Rowr

Rowr

Yes Yes Attack!  
Gouge out his eyes.

He's wearing shades...

Rowr

Rowr

Rowr

Rowr

Rowr

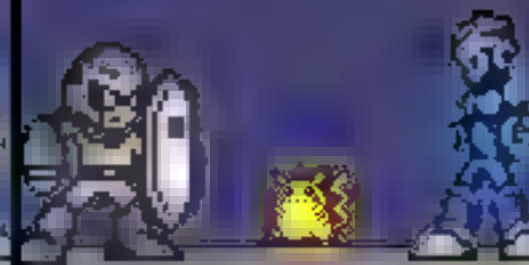
BLAM!!

Okay now I'm mad

You may have beaten  
my C ds but you'll  
never defeat... P KACHU



Pika!



AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA



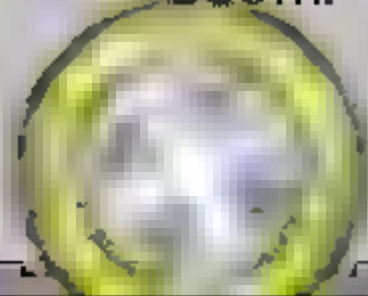
AAAAAAAAAH!!!!!!

Flash!

You forgot to use  
deodorant again,  
didn't you, Pikachu?

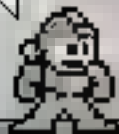
P ka?

Boom!  
Boom!  
Boom!



Whoa what a rush

Hey where are we?



Aaah look at me  
I'm only 8-bits!!



So where are we?

Oh my!

Dr Light?

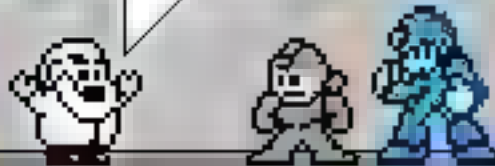
You're my...  
you're meh...  
you're Mega...

Who are you?

Dr. Light, what's going on?



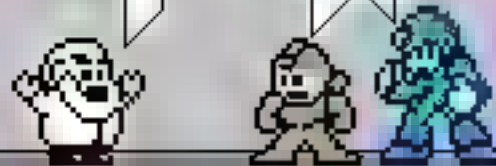
Oh, it's terrible! Dr. Wily has somehow escaped from prison and created eight brand new robots!



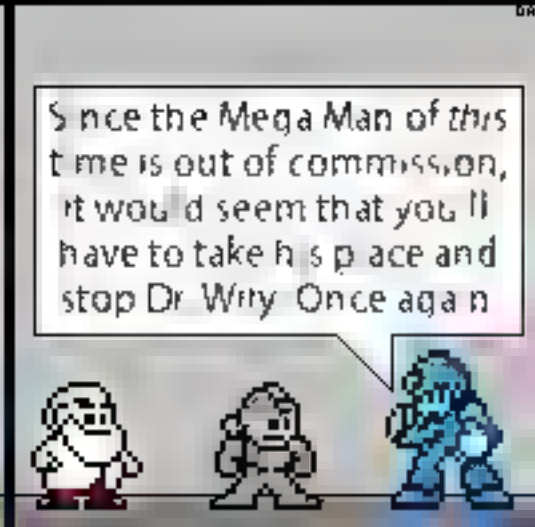
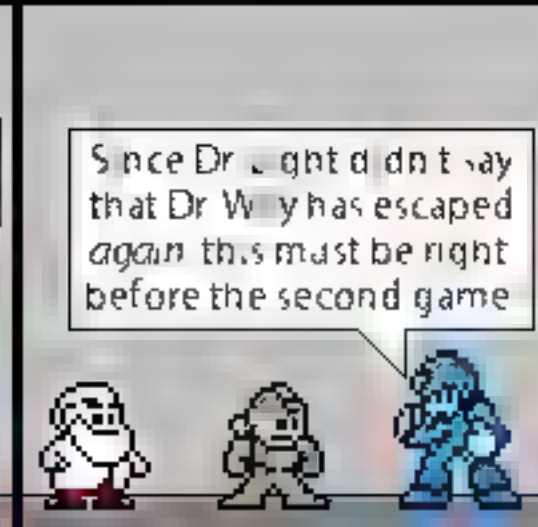
And, just as I was about to send out Mega Man, er, you, a mysterious black robot showed up and destroyed my lab!



And he erased my Mega Man's memory, and now he can't go and save the world again! It's terrible!



Great!



What a damn minute!  
Why do I have to do it?

Well, for starters, you're  
the only one with any  
experience against Wily

Furthermore, I have to  
help Dr. Light rebuild the  
lab, and Proto Man is still  
missing in this time

Not only that, but we  
should really try to keep  
this timeline as close to the  
original as possible, which  
means you have to do it

better get some god  
damn ice cream when  
this is all over



Wat... If I don't fix the  
time line, then I, never  
get fixed and Dr. Wily  
will destroy the world

But then how could I  
ever come into the past  
to fix it in the first place?

hate time travel

At right: Fine ... take  
my former self's place  
and save the world again



But not right now We have  
to get ready for the Party

Good point Break time



"Move the background,  
Gats Man " Geez, I used to  
be someone in this comic.

Ro! dear would you  
find me a Guinness?



Race ya to ice cream

Hey No fair! No flying



Let's try to actually have  
a coffee break without  
anything happening

Okay



Well, this is really boring...

AAAAH!!



What? What is it?  
What's wrong?



I just remembered we  
forgot about Bass. He's  
still trapped in the past



Boom!  
Boom!  
Boom!

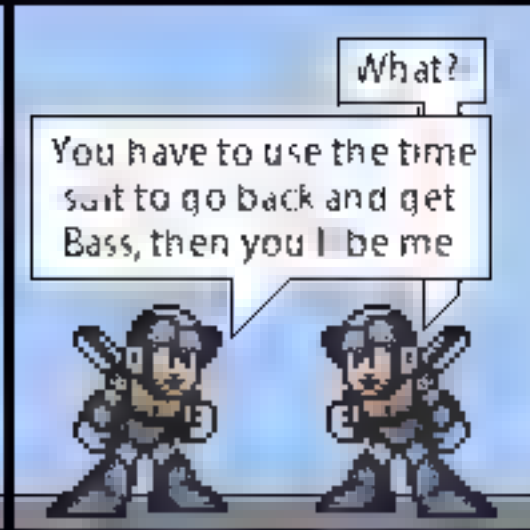


No he's not. He just  
arrived with Mega Man

Oh, okay







Okay we're all set

Are we forgetting anything?



What about the Author?



Oops



Aw crap



You see, I haven't  
been invented yet



I gotta get  
another beer



BOOM!  
BOOM!  
BOOM!



Aaaaaaaaaahhhh!



I see that

We're back.





Well I'm off to meet my  
destiny, all over again



Hey Mega Man...

No Don't try to take me  
out of it My mind is set

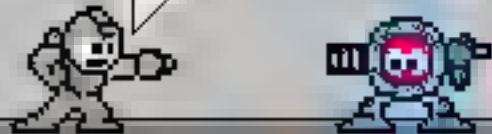


What were you  
going to say?

was just wondering  
why he's waking...



A. these stupid enemies  
Why do I have to fight  
them all over again?!




And this stupid jet  
pack weighs a ton!



Why am I so stupid?







So, remind me again  
what exactly do you do?

Well, I shoot head bubbles  
at you, while hoping you  
hit those spikes and die

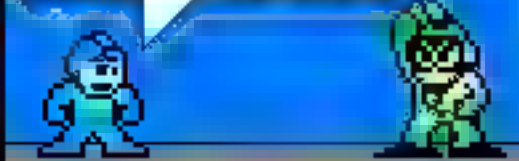
Ah yes... Spikes...  
My name is...

Um, say, could we  
get on with this? I'm  
getting kind of antsy

Yeah, yeah, keep  
your wetsuit on



Boy, those spikes look pretty high. How am I supposed to jump all the way up there?

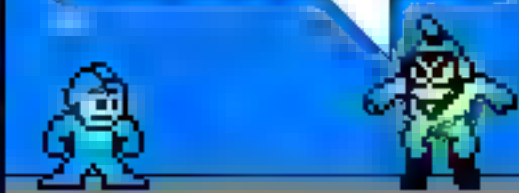


Oh, they're not that high! , bet you could jump up there!

Not a chance, I don't think even you could jump up that high!

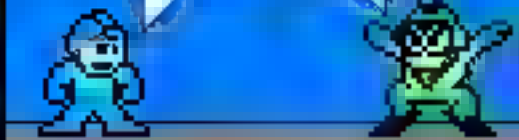


Of course I could. The water makes everything extra bouyant, and I have my bubble flippers



But I don't think you could do it

Oh yeah?! Just watch me





On to the next evil robot...



Mwahaha! We come  
Mega Man Prepare  
to meet your doom!



Um... it's been a while  
Which one are you again?



I'm Flash Man



Oh no Not another one!  
What is it with you robots?



What?!



Yeah, whatever,  
you naked freak.



No Not that kind  
of "Flash" Man!



You know, I don't really remember what you do, so I'm just going to rush you and use brute force



Erk... can't move

Flash!!



I think I just remembered what you do...

Heh heh heh...



You're not going to put on a trench coat now are you?

I told you! I'm not that kind of Flash Man!!





Please don't... can't  
even close my eyes  
to avoid looking!

I'm not a god  
damn f\*cker!!



That's it!



WHAM!  
WHAM! WHAM!  
WHAM!

I... have... had...  
enough... of... you!



Wow... Either your head is  
really thick, or I froze you  
harder than I thought

A little here a little there





What's your problem  
with lead bubbles?

Do you know how  
dangerous lead is?  
It could poison me

And they're so heavy! I'd  
suffocate under them  
And if they popped:  
More lead poisoning!!

Aaaah! I can't... breathe...  
Too heavy... Ack. Ack!  
Poison... breathing lead...

Wuss

Bloop! Bloop!

Now where am I? Those  
k...er later beams remind  
me of Elec Man but all  
those boomerangs...



What's that?



Who's there?



Oh yes... Quick Man...  
The love child of Elec Man  
and Cut Man. On crack.



Crack. Crack. I'm not on crack. My  
high is all natural. Definitely all  
natural. No nasty chemicals in my  
body. All pure sugar and caffeine!  
All natural. But most sugar!  
Definitely sugar. Most precious.  
My precious. My precious. Mine!

Damn. Maybe you  
should cut back...



What? What? What? You want  
my precious all for yourself. No.  
My precious. My precious sugar!  
We must stop him. Yes. Stop him.  
We must. Me and my precious.  
We will stop him. He can't have  
my precious. Must stop him.

What?



SMASH!

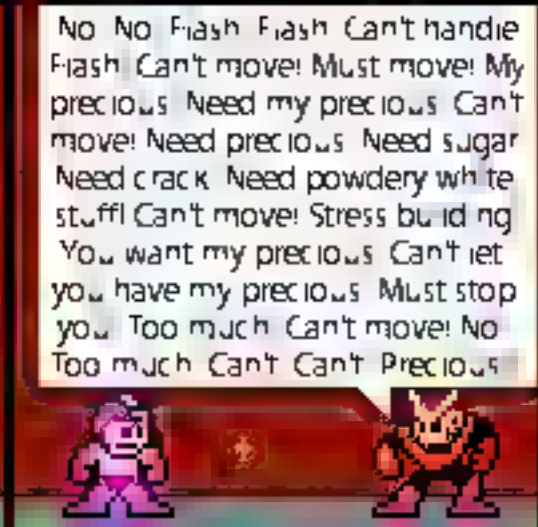
BAM!

WHACK!



Mwahahaha. My precious. Not his.  
stopped him. We stopped him.  
He won't get my precious. My  
precious sugar. All mine! Not his.





What the hell is going on?  
What did you do to him?!



I just used some Flash...

Yeah well Flash killed  
him. He needs to be  
able to move around



And how do you know that?

I'm Meta Man, his brother.  
Can't you tell by our similar  
color schemes? Anyway  
now I have to kill you.



Oh, sure. Say are you  
related to Guts Man too?

Possibly but don't try  
to change the subject













A pixelated blue robot with a white visor and a single arm, standing in a dark brown forest. There are several yellow, oval-shaped leaves floating in the air.

Okay, who's next?  
Why can't I remember?  
Hmm... it's so earthy here

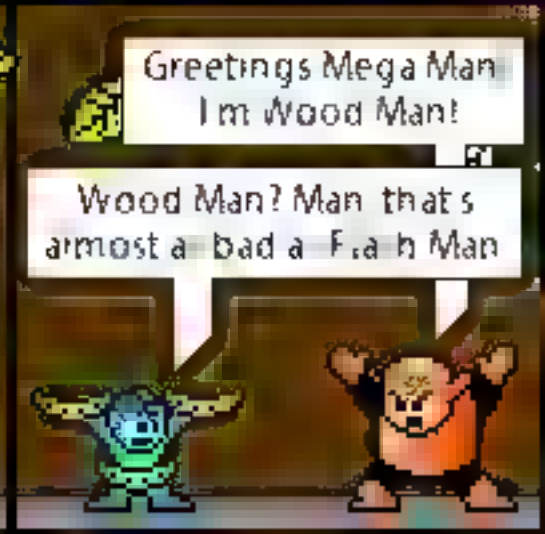
Mega Man is looking up at a single yellow leaf floating in the air. The background is a dark brown forest.

What the...?

Whoosh


Mega Man is standing inside a large, dense, pixelated green bush. A yellow leaf is floating above him.

Ack!

Mega Man is on the left, looking surprised with his arms outstretched. On the right is a pixelated character with a large orange body, a small head, and a single arm, with his arms raised in a 'V' shape.

Greetings Mega Man  
I'm Wood Man!

Wood Man? Man that's  
almost a bad a F.a.h Man



Wait, what's wrong  
with Wood Man?

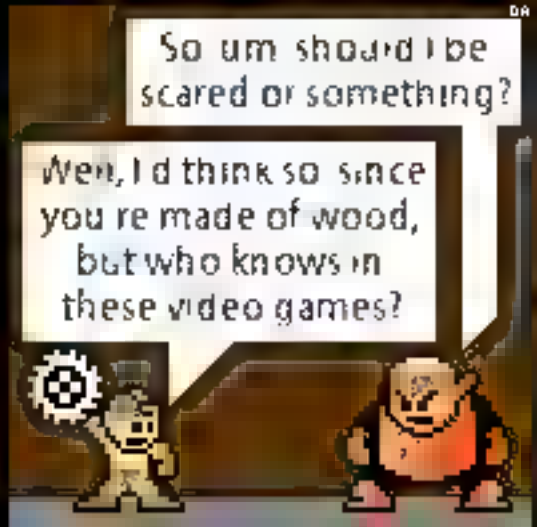
Well, you know...  
"Wood" Man... It's  
kind of suggestive

And do you wish to  
be a real boy one day?

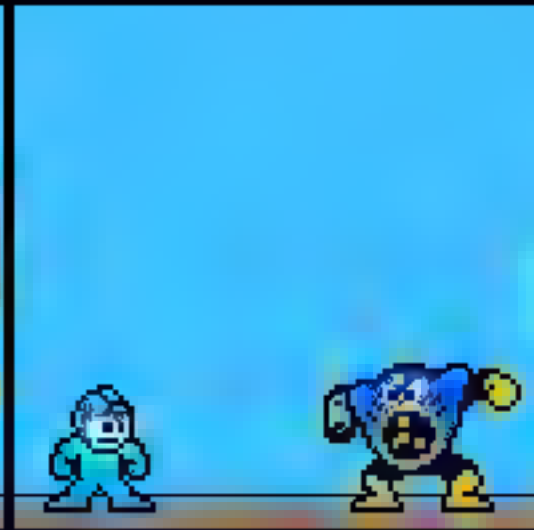
But... but I'm made  
out of wood

Oh no Pinocchio  
gonna hurt me!

Oh that's it! Prepare  
to die Mega Man!

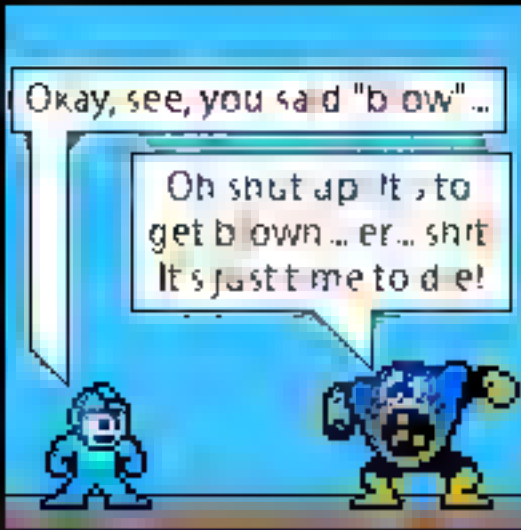












Must... fight... wind...  
Need... something  
stronger...



Heheheh... Let's see how  
he takes a little jet power...



H... MMM...



WHOOOAAA. AH!  
Bad idea. Bad idea

FWOOSH!!



Wait! I've got it! Using my  
incredible speed and hard  
head, I'll just slam into Air  
Man and destroy him!

FWOO



Here I come, user!



Hey! You're not supposed  
to jump out of the way!

Hop



Cool Matrix-type  
Special Effects

Whrrr

Watch out for the war

On shit!

On shit!

FWOOSH!!









Ooh... what a pretty  
background I wonder  
who m fighting now...



BLAMMO!!



Nice entrance

Thanks Now, prepare to be  
destroyed by Crash Man!



What? Crash Man?

No! Crash Man! Why  
does everyone keep  
screwing that up?



So, wait, what is  
it you do again?

I shoot out these little  
bombs that attach to  
things and blow up



Oh right Kind of  
like Bomb Man

But then why not call  
yourself Bomb Man?



Right



Dr. Nefarious said that name  
was already taken So  
he chose Crash Man

Well, I guess that  
makes a little sense



At least it's better  
than Clash Man

I know! That's why I can't  
understand why people  
keep getting confused!





Say... those attackers  
don't look particularly  
strong. Those bombs  
must not be very heavy.



Oh, they're actually quite  
light. In fact, I'd imagine a  
good strong wind blast  
would knock them right  
back at me, doing me in.



Do we really have to carry  
this out for you, or do you  
have a pretty good idea  
what's going to happen?



Prepare to be burned  
to a crisp Mega Man!

Bring it on you  
big flaming...

Ho d it



Hi there Author here I thought I'd just let you know  
that I had a really great idea to use Crash Bombs against  
Heat Man. But it has recently come to my attention that  
bombs are completely ineffective against him. I mean,  
I was at point blank range and they didn't even phase  
him. So, I'm afraid I'm going to have to take this particular  
battle in another tangent. Thank you for your time.



God damn it

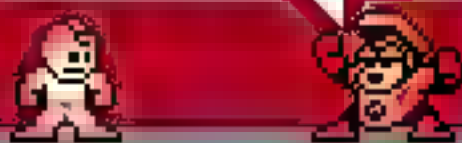
Hah hah!



Damn it a I really  
wanted to blow you up  
Why can't I use Crash  
Bombs against you?

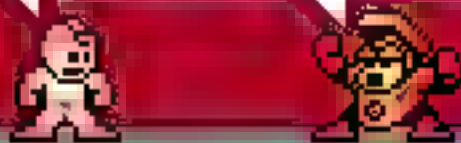


Because you dumb shit,  
my walls are made out of  
thick stuff that your stupid  
bombs just can't penetrate



Listen here! , kicked Fire  
Man > ass, I can kick yours

Bring it on if you think  
you're man enough!



Wait a minute  
Penetrate... ass...  
I've got it

ping On no you don't Get  
the hell away from me



No! Don't touch me you  
sick bastard! What!? Why  
can't I move? Did you  
Flash me! You asshole!  
You Flashed me!!

No! Oh God no! Don't  
put that there! It's too  
big! It won't fit! AAAH!

OW! At least be gentle  
OW! It's my first time!

If you don't want to hurt  
so much, quit squirming

I'm going to  
hell, I know it

You, sir, are one sick fuck

CENSORED

No Get away from me  
You're not putting  
anything in my ass!



What the hell? Why can't  
I move? You Flashed me,  
didn't you? You bastard!!



Twinkling stars indicative  
of Flash being in effect

Prunk,  
BLAMPH  
Gulp



Heh, you should've  
seen my first version

Urp Oh... I don't  
feel so good...

What did you think  
I was going to do?



Fine So you stuffed a  
bomb down my throat  
But when it blows, I'm  
taking you with me!

Oh oh...

That's right! Run  
little pigggy Run  
Squea for me!

Heat Man

Mega Man

KA-  
BOOM!!

Still Mega  
Man ↓

No longer  
← Heat Man

Meanwhile...

Alright, Dr Light, all done

What? Already? You  
cleaned the entire  
lab in 15 minutes?

Yeah, well, I'm a very  
advanced robot

Goodness!  
Who built you?

Um... you did...  
in the future

Really? Wow!  
I must be smart

Well, don't forget you  
built Mega Man too

Oh yeah...

Well you did build six  
super powerful robots...  
but they were eventually  
used for evil purposes



And of all people  
you trusted Dr Wily...  
but then turned your  
housekeeper into a  
weapon of good



Al right! Al right  
I get it, haven't always  
done the smartest thing




Good Just so  
we're clear on it



Ungrateful robot  
from the future







Explain something X  
If I created you, why  
weren't you activated  
until the future?

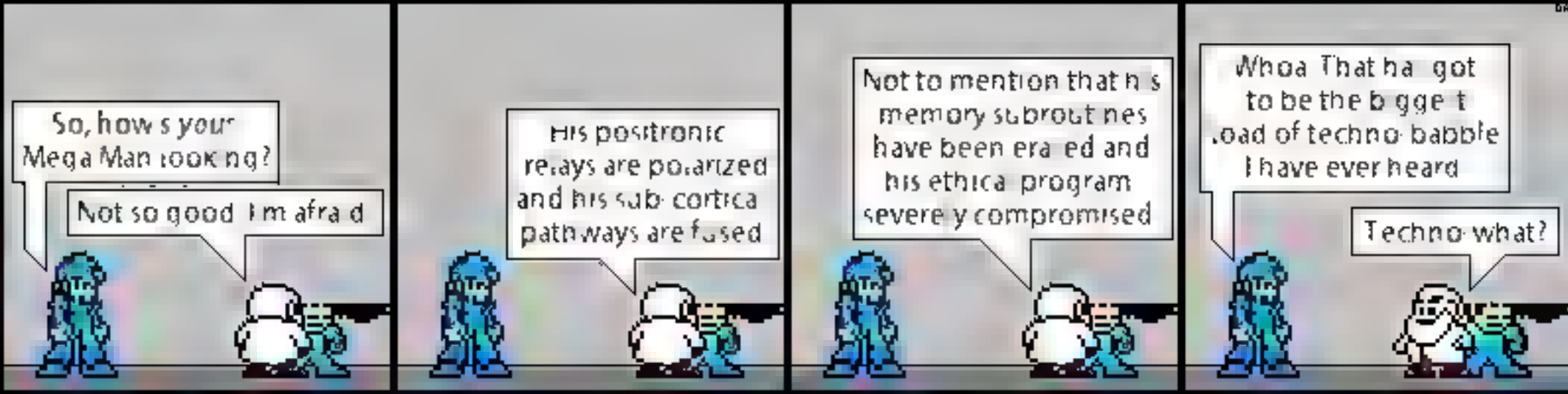
Oh, well actually,  
I was activated while  
you were alive but...

Wait, won't this be giving  
it away to the audience?

Ah good point Give me  
the short version then

Okay Something bad  
happened and I got  
sealed away until  
Dr Can found me

Interesting...



So, how's your  
Mega Man looking?

Not so good I'm afraid

His positronic  
relays are polarized  
and his sub-cortical  
pathways are fused

Not to mention that his  
memory subroutines  
have been erased and  
his ethical program  
severely compromised

Whoa That has got  
to be the biggest  
load of techno-babble  
I have ever heard

Techno-what?

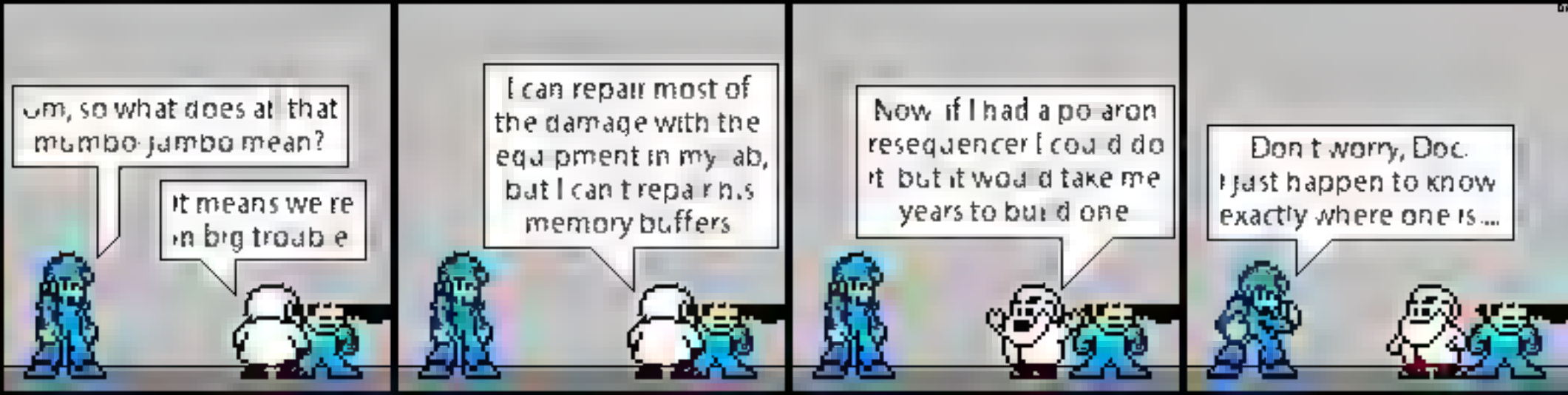
You know,  
techno-babble...

Techno-what?

When someone says  
something that sounds  
scientific but has no  
real meaning just to  
move the story along

Like in Star Trek.

Oh, of course!  
Techno-babble

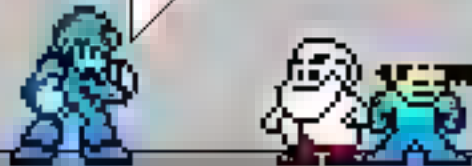


A polaron resequencer?  
Really? Where? How?

Actually, it's  
more like *when*.



You see, you have one in  
the future because you've  
already built it by then. In  
fact you used it on me.



So let me get this straight  
You're going to take this  
Mega Man into the future  
to use a machine I haven't  
built yet that I'm going to  
use on you, when I get  
around to building you?



Exactly.

I hate temporal  
mechanics.



So now all we have to  
do is wait for Mega Man  
to finish his mission  
and... Oh no

What is it?



I just checked your  
Mega Man readings  
His time isn't  
completely effective  
against Chronotons!



Um... what does that  
mean in English?

It means he's slowly  
becoming more like  
this Mega Man



You mean he's slowly  
losing his memory?

Exactly

Aw crap



And I said, "Goodness,  
Puff, what have you  
been smoking?"

Ugh... Smoking bad

I say what do you  
suppose is keeping  
Mega Man? He should  
be here by now

Aaaaaaahhhhhh!!!



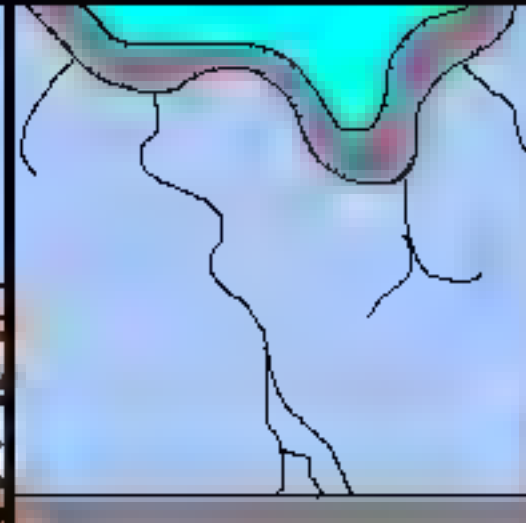
I suppose you're right  
He'll be along eventually

Ugh...

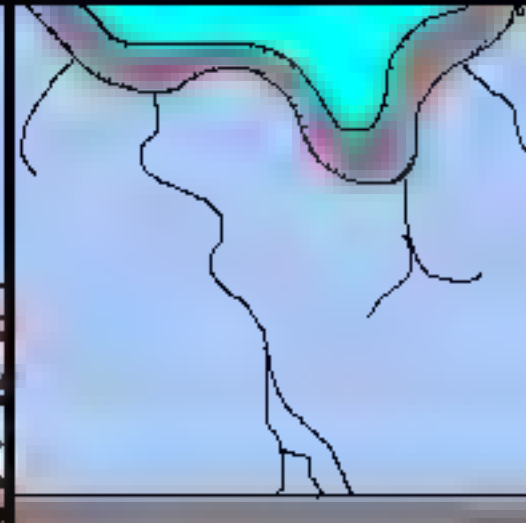
Meanwhile...

Meanwhile...

I know Mega Man's  
doing his best but...



...I'm getting really  
tired of blinking in  
and out of existence...





To be, or not to be,  
that's the question



"If you prick us, do we  
not bleed? If you tickle us,  
do we not laugh? If you  
poison us, do we not die?"



Quoth she, before you tumbled me,  
You promised me to wed.  
So would I have done, by yonder sun,  
An thou hadst not come to my bed.



Alas, poor Yorick! I knew  
him, Horatio: a fellow  
of most infinite jest, of  
most excellent fancy



Murder most foul as in the  
best it is, but this most foul,  
...trange, and unnatural




Try what repentance can:  
what can it not? Yet what  
can it when one can not  
repent? O wretched state!  
O bosom black as death!



Well, at least this d'Amens on  
doesn't sound like something  
out of Super Friend





On this, how we  
clean our weapon of  
mass destruction...

CRASH!!

WHAM!

Don't you ever use the  
main door anymore?  
I mean, why do we even  
have a fortress anymore?

Sorry...

Seriously now, what's the point of me building a huge fortress if you're just going to bust directly into my inner sanctum?

Clank

And don't get me started on those worthless gossiping fortress guard ans! I think that dragon's on drugs...

Thunk

Sometimes I wonder why I go to all the trouble trying to stop you from ruining my plans

Whirr

Alright! All set! Ready?

Yeah, think so

Now then... Mega Man  
Prepare to meet your  
doom at my hands!

whrrr

hmmmm

whrrr

See, now I might be a little  
afraid if I didn't know that  
his operating system sucks

buzzzz...

whrrr

Actually, I switched  
to a Mac based system

Eep

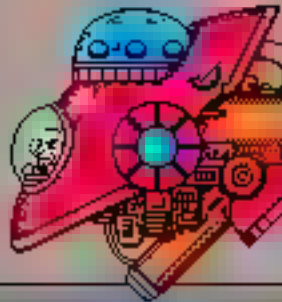
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whrrr

You know Mega Man,  
I'm so confident in my  
new machine, I let  
you take the first shot  
How's that sound?



But weren't you also  
confident that your  
minions could stop me?  
And your robot leader?  
And your Fortress Bosses?



That's beside the point  
Look, do you want to take  
your stupid shot or not?



Come on Mega Man  
Attack. What are you  
waiting for?

Just a minute I'm  
charging my blaster



Sure, no problem...  
Hey Charging your  
blaster? You're not  
able to do that yet!



BLAM!

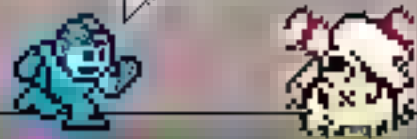
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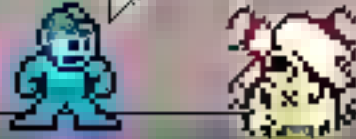
BLAM-  
MO!!



Oh my god Did I kill him?  
Is he actually dead?



The consequences of  
this are devastating...  
No Dr. Why means no  
more games, and the  
future is royally screwed



And it also means I've  
broken the first rule of  
robotics and will have  
to be destroyed before  
I can kill again...



ugh

Oh god damn it  
Why can't you just  
die and stay dead?!

Do you know how  
many times I've  
said that to you?



I'll show you the  
secret of my powers  
now, Mega Man!



You see, I am not  
really a human...



Behold... I am  
truly an alien...



Oh... so that's what Puff  
meant when he said his  
brownies were magical!







Aaah! More aliens  
Aliens that want to  
eat my brain! Nooo



Yes... run Mega Man...  
Let me feed on your  
fear... I will destroy  
you soon enough...



And then no  
one will stand  
in my way to...



Hey you! Mr Green  
and Lumpy Alien

You?! What are  
you doing here?



I owe the little blue  
guy a favor and I'm  
here to pay him back

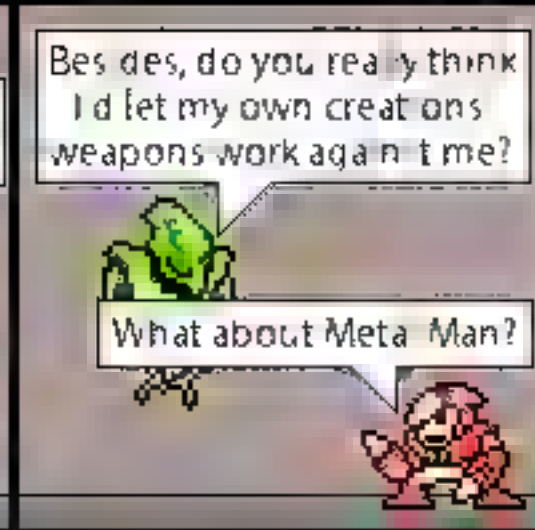
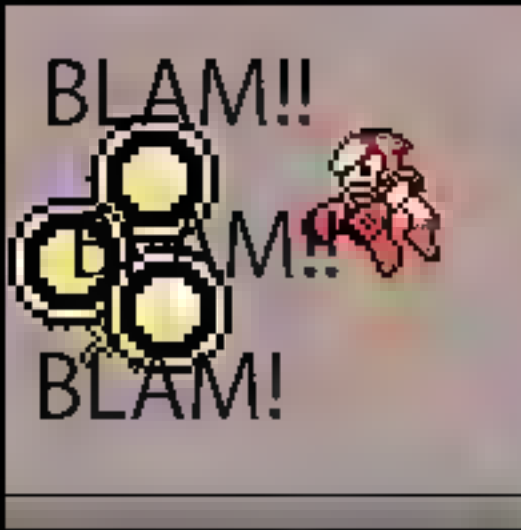
Yes, it's me Crash Man — I'm  
here to help Mega Man!

What? Why? Why  
turn against me?

Why? Because you gave  
me ridiculous names!  
And besides, I always  
wanted to be a good guy

Traitor! You will pay for  
this! I will destroy you!

Let's see how much you  
can do after sucking  
down a few Crash Bombs



On shit: Mega Man!  
He's not really an alien  
He's only a hologram!



ZAPPO!!



Feh Stupid robot  
A. if a simple machine  
like Mega Man can  
defeat a hologram



Actually, you'd be  
amazed at what a fellow  
named Bob has taught  
me about holograms



Feh again. Even with your battery charged,  
which I'm still not sure how you can do that, you're still  
not powerful enough to destroy a hologram like me.

Aw nuts



Um, excuse me

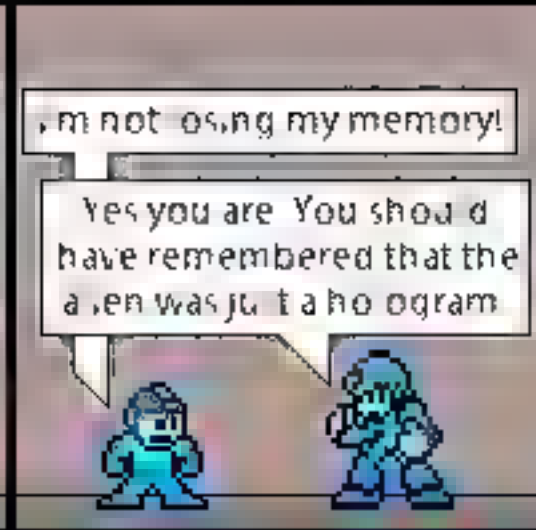


Huh?

# BLAM!!

He may not be  
powerful enough,  
but I sure as hell am.





Are too Am not: Are too: Am not  
Are too Am not! Are too Am not

That's enough! Can't take your b ckering  
anymore! I must de troy you both now!



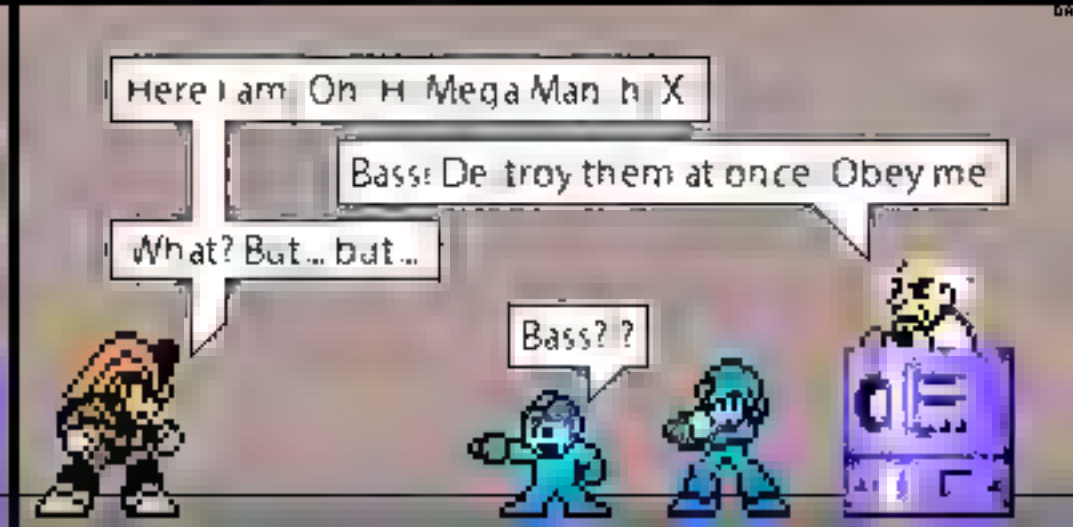
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s 1 mmer ..

Um, Dr W y, I'm no expert or anything, but aren't  
you supposed to have already escaped by now?

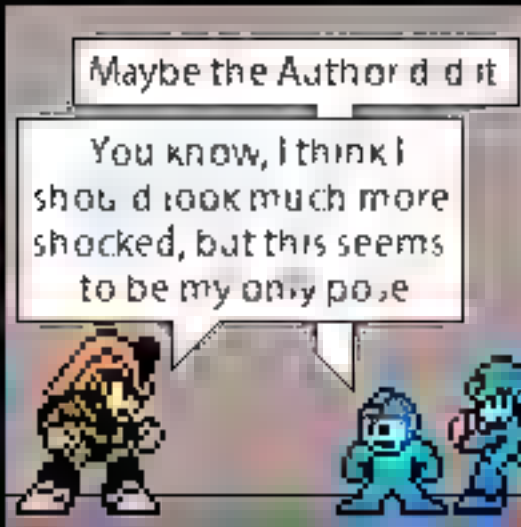
An, yes normally, would have but  
have one more ace up my sleeve...

Bass Destroy them









Bass I told you to destroy them Obey me

But why?

Yeah, why should he obey you?

He has to obey me: I am his creator!



Well, technically you aren't his creator  
since you haven't created him yet

Oh now you're just spitting hairs Bass!  
I am Dr. Wily! Obey me and destroy them

I must obey...



Bass, what about your security code? You don't the real Dr. Wily, input it before giving you order,?

Huh? Oh yeah

What? What security code?

Aha! This must be an imposter! Bass, you must destroy him!

Right! Prepare to die, imposter!

Uh... Mega Man...

There's no security code, is there?

I have no idea... Memory problems, remember?

Not Bass

CRASH!!

You know Mega Man,  
sometimes you really  
surprise me with these  
schemes of yours

NO!  
Stop

SMASH!!

In fact, sometimes I even  
wonder if you're just  
pretending to be stupid

Stop Bass.  
Obey me!

BLAM!!  
BLAM!!

Oh, you do read the  
comic, don't you?

No Ah!  
Watch out

KA-BOOM!!

Right, good point  
Nevermind

Ohh...  
my head...



Dr Light we're back.

Did you take care of  
Dr Wily and that  
strange black robot?



Um, yeah sort of

You see, Bass kind  
of knocked Dr Wily  
on the head and  
now he has amnesia, a



Lost his memory? Oh, so he's no longer a threat?  
Great! Now he can become my assistant again!

Woohoo!

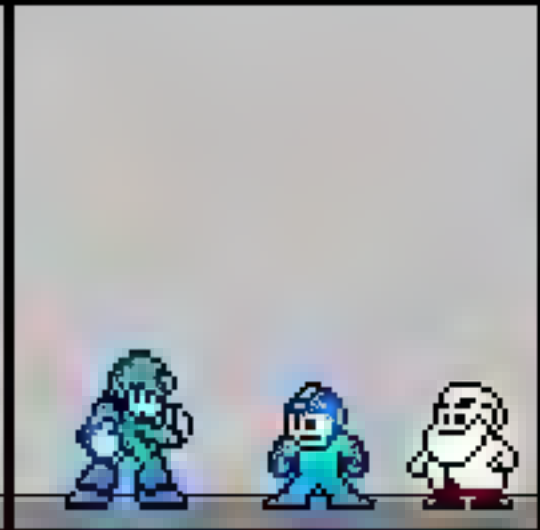
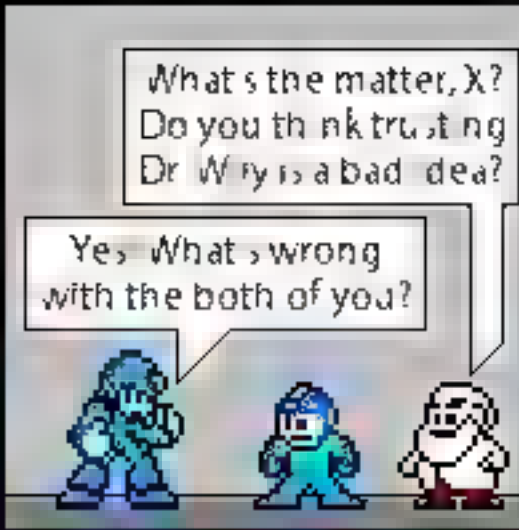
Yay!

Um... Am I the only one that  
thinks this is a bad idea?

Yay!

Yay





Mwahaha! That fool  
Dr. Light actually  
believe, that I have  
amnesia and have  
given up my evil ways



Little does he know that  
I just plan on using him  
to create a super robot,  
that I'll use to take over  
the world once and for a



Yep, you've definitely  
fooled both him and  
Mega Man. Not that  
it's all that difficult



X?!



Damn that Author!  
He swore he'd never  
use this joke again,  
that lying bastard!





So, X, uh you're not going to tell Dr. Light or Mega Man about this, are you?

Nah, don't worry about it

I realized that you need to succeed at this ruse, else the future as I know it would be destroyed

In other words, if I gave up evil, I'd end up doing one of the most evil things ever?

Yeah, but I can't imagine that you could put off doing evil long enough

Ah, good point

Well, it's been fun Doctors, but we have to get home

Hi! I'm Bass

Yeah, and we'll return your Mega Man as soon as our Dr. Light has fixed him. And Dr. Wily, no turning evil while we're gone...

Bzzt



Hmm... X what an interesting idea...

Hmm... Bass what an interesting idea...

**FWOOSH!!!**



BOOM!  
BOOM!  
BOOM!

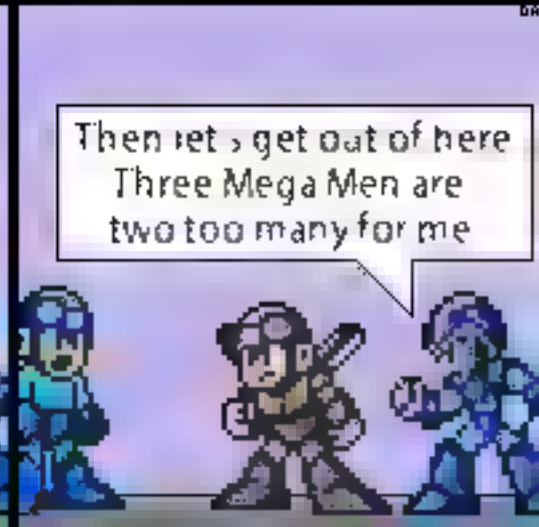
Did we make it?  
Are we back?

I don't know...



Uh... guys?

Not now Bass we're trying  
to figure out where we are



This is kind of freaky...

That's peachy. Look,  
we'd better get out of  
here before someone  
else shows up.

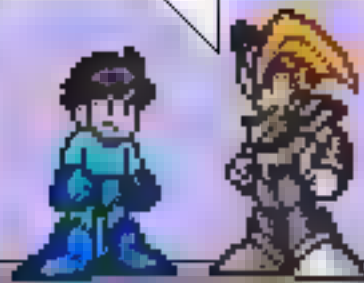


All right, fine. Let's get going folks.

Hey, Mega Man. Remember, just  
because you're paranoid, doesn't  
mean they're not really after you!



You know, Mega  
Man without your  
helmet, you kind of  
look like the Author...



BOOM!!  
BOOM!!  
BOOM!!





hey Mega Man what s up?

SHHH



Man? What?

Qu et you foo.  
They! near you!



BOOM!!  
BOOM!!  
BOOM!!

At right it looks like they  
all made it back okay!

X Why'd d you say that?

couldn't he p it! just had  
this uncontrollable urge!

Now we just need to  
figure out if it's a good  
thing they made it back.

Why are there two of them?

Mega Man, what's going on?  
Why are there two of you?  
And who's this other guy?

It's a really long story Dr. Light

Hey Mega Man!  
Wanna go do  
something stupid?

Bass carry, after you  
disappeared X  
and I went back...  
Oh yeah, this is X

Uh... hello

Wait Before you explain  
that to me, why don't you  
explain why Bass just ran  
off with your double

Damn it



Just great Now we  
have to go chasing after  
them Don't we ever  
get a freakin' break?!



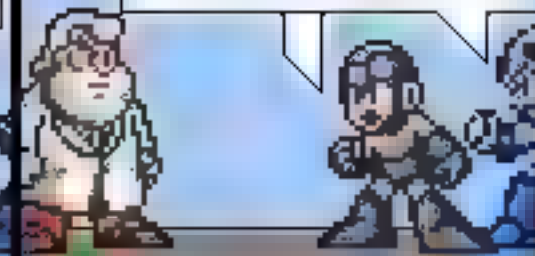
Don't worry, I  
go after them

Oh okay



Now then, where were we?

think you were about  
to tell him about me



Right so this is X, a  
super advanced robot  
from the future that  
you haven't built yet

Right...



Wait a minute. Are you saying that this X is the new robot that I'm working on right now?

Exactly. And in a 100 year or so, I'll be reactivated and go on to save the world over and over.

Ooh. Let's go to the lab and see how X is coming along. How about it X? Want to see yourself?

Uh...

At right. Let's go.

And along the way, you can tell me why there's two Mega Men here.

...We Now  
Interrupt This  
Comic For  
Something  
Completely  
Irrelevant

H. there fo ks As you  
know, sometimes we  
here at Bob and George  
like to take a break  
and change gears



Well, actually I'm not  
very good at changing  
gears... mean like to  
think I'm a good driver...  
but the truth is...



Oh God The truth is  
that I suck. And they  
were laughing at me  
but it can't go on...



Uh... Author?



sn ffile.  
sn ffile.

So, I guess the  
Author's having  
a little nervous  
breakdown...

I'm not having a  
nervous breakdown

Right...

Am Now you  
hate me too!  
WAAAAAAAAA.!

Oh this won't end well!

What the hell is going on?

The Author's  
having some kind of  
nervous breakdown



What? Why?

I have no idea Maybe  
the stress of the comic  
finally got to him



Stress? What stress?  
It's a sprite-based comic!  
Where's the stress in that?

Quiet! You just  
upset him more

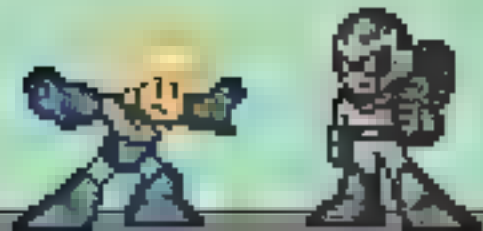


WAAA. Bob hates me too

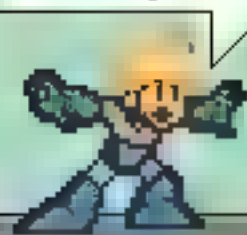
What am I even doing  
here? I'm supposed to be  
in an alternate dimension



# CRASH!!



I think the comic's  
falling apart!



What was that?



The structural integrity  
of the comic must be  
linked to the Author's  
state of mind



What?!



We're in deep shit...



So if he's lost it...

Yeah, that's about  
what I figured



Bob?



George?




Bob! I'm scared




Suck it up, you wuss!






Hey What in the world  
is going on here?!

Oh Mega Man Thank God  
you're here The Author's  
having a breakdown and  
it's destroying the comic!




Oh Hey Author! Quit  
fooling around! We  
have to get ready for the  
Fourth of July special!



Now why didn't  
I think of that?

Oooh! Explosives





Why are we celebrating?  
Aren't we Japanese?

Quiet! Can't you see me  
roasting wieners here?



Run for your  
damn lives!



That time weaving have to  
get ready for the next storyline



BARF



This is gonna be so cool ...

Why don't get any explosives?

X Japan, it's just a little firecracker



Meanwhile...

(and by meanwhile we mean about the time Mega Man was fighting Dr. Wily)

Where the hell is that light switch? I've been in this fortress for months now you'd think I'd know where the damn light switch is

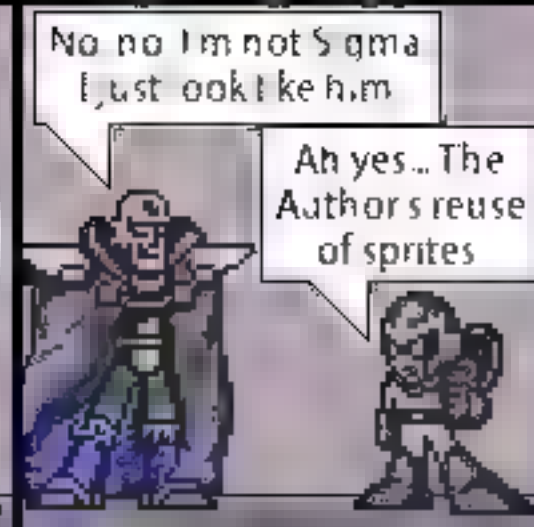
AAAHH... My eyes...

Flash!

Where the hell am I now?

Burning eyes





What a minute Bob? What are you doing here?!

Hello? I'm traveling through random dimensions, remember? Don't you even read the comic?

Oh, well between plotting the destruction of the Megaman Universe and trying to find that damn light switch, I've been kind of busy

So, where are the and of Sigma wannabes?

No This is my home dimensions, and I am the supreme ruler here

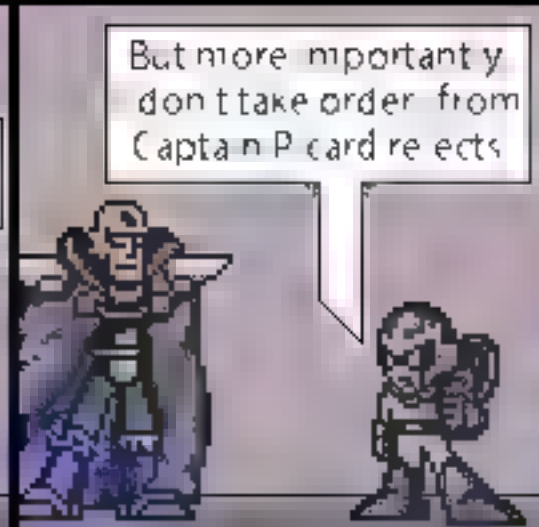
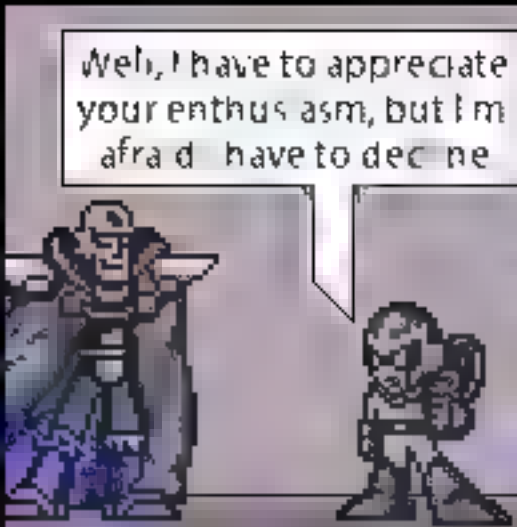
But if you rule here why do you want to destroy the Megaman Universe?

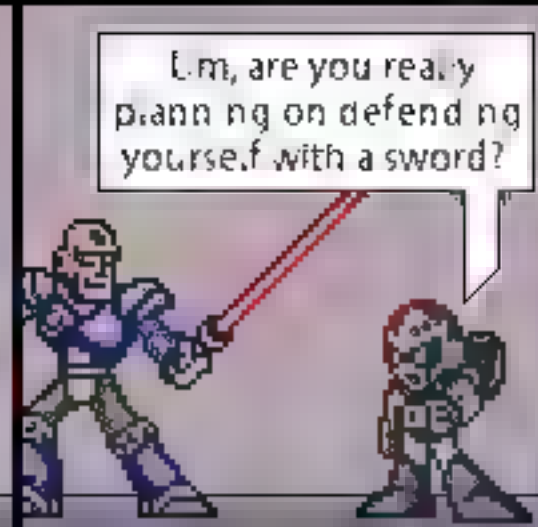
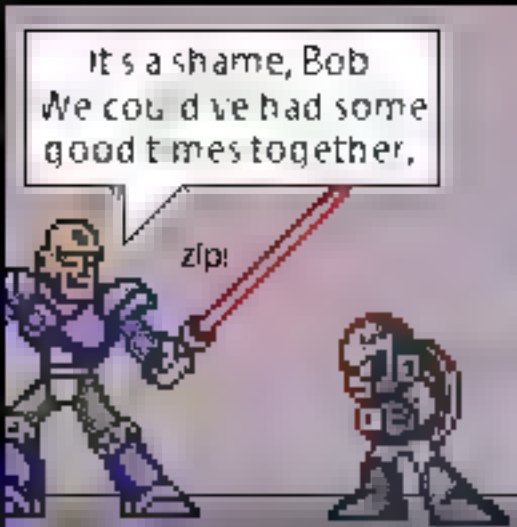
Every villain needs a hobby

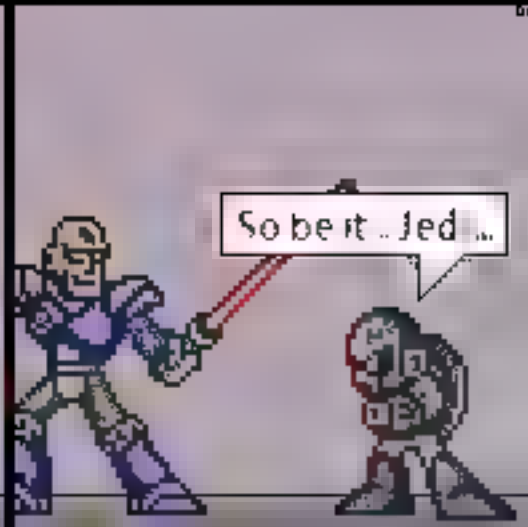
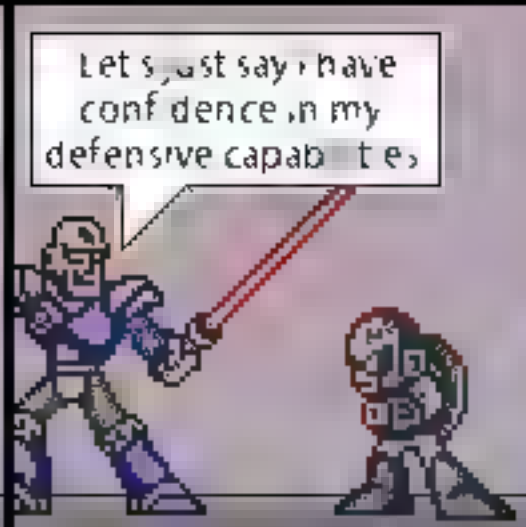
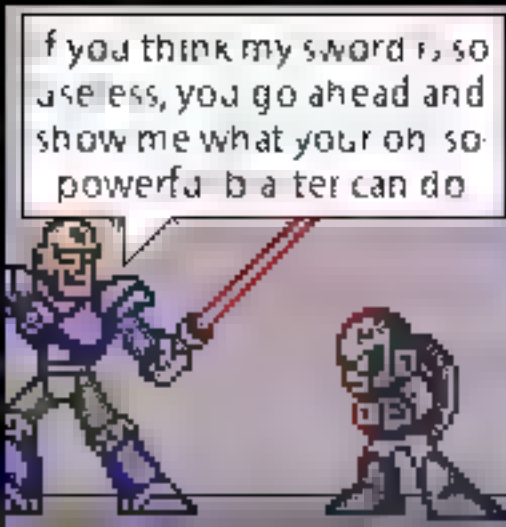
Besides, I thought you'd be the one person to truly understand me Bob

Lh, sorry, but I don't swing that way

NO I'm asking if you want to join me... join me in the destruction of the Megaman Universe!









BLAM!!



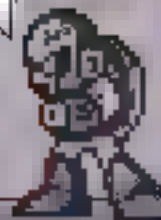
ZAP!!



Ha-ha!



No How?

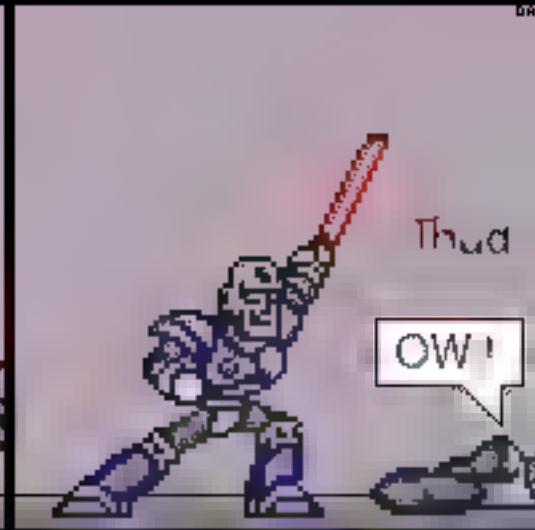
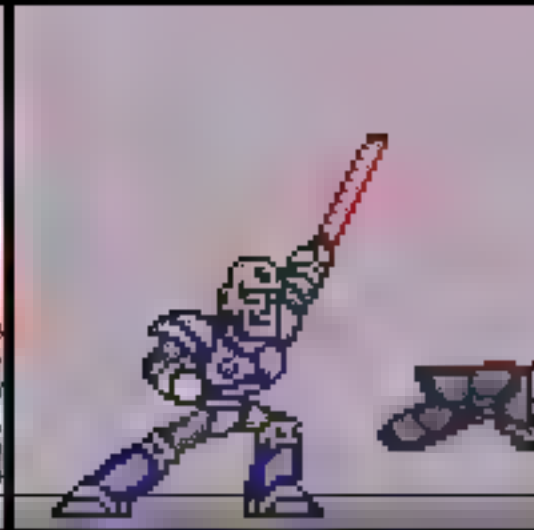


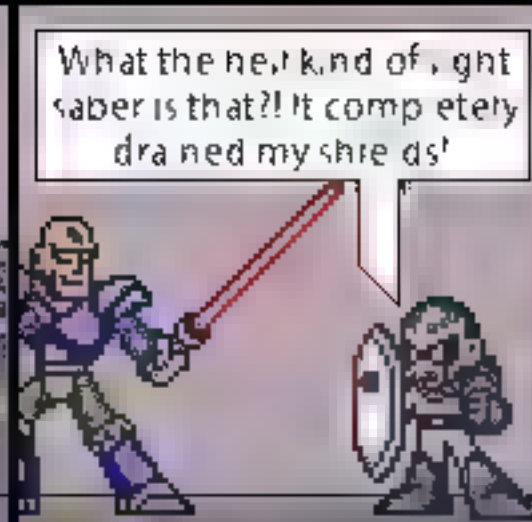
It's my turn now  
Blaster Boy

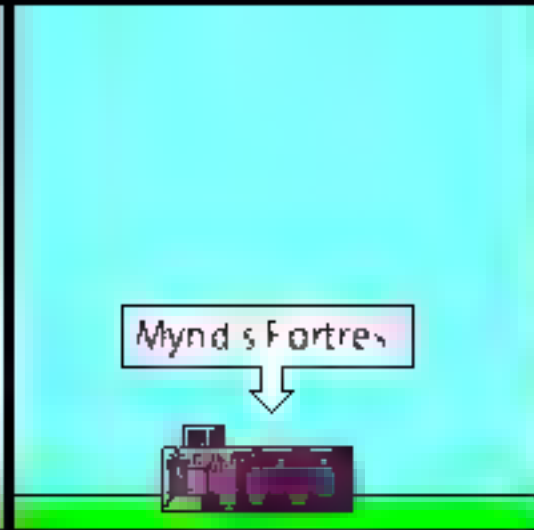
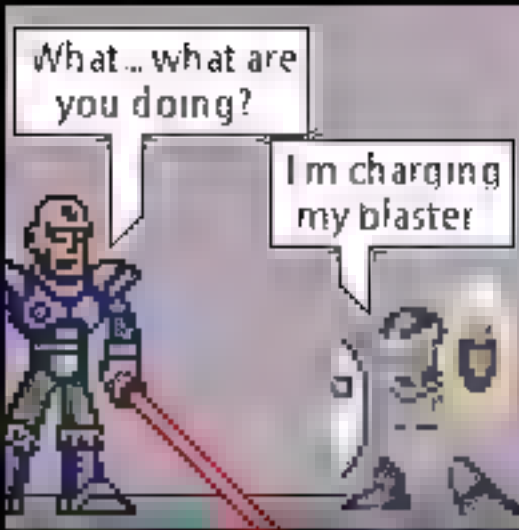


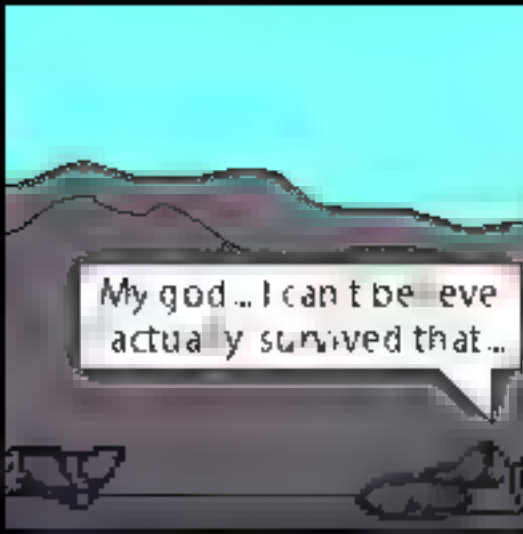
I'll make you eat  
those words, baldy



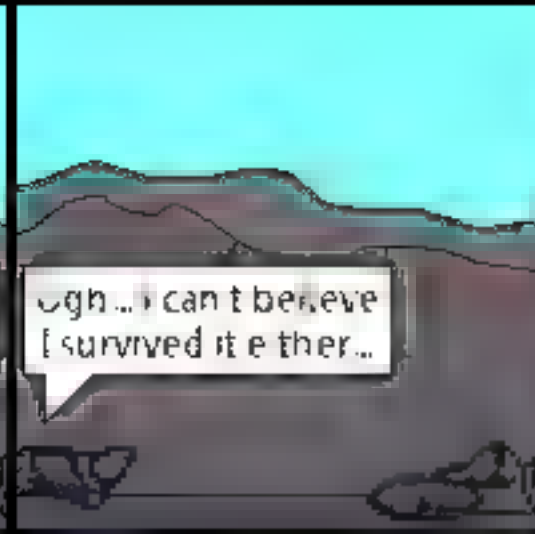




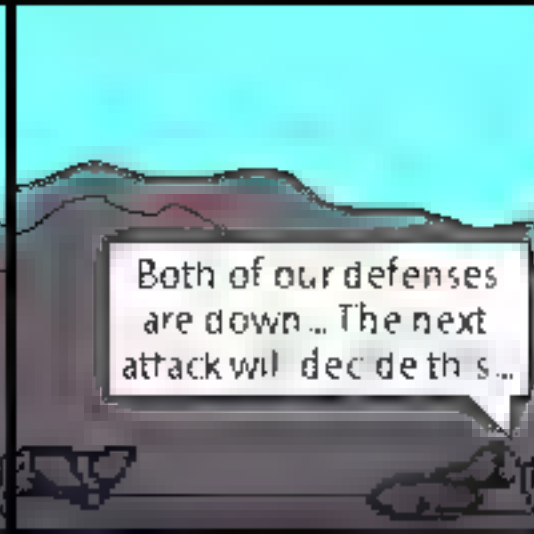


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My god... I can't believe  
actually survived that...

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Ugh... I can't believe  
I survived it either...

A comic strip panel showing a dark, rocky landscape under a blue sky. A speech bubble is positioned in the lower-left area.

Both of our defenses  
are down... The next  
attack will decide this...

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Yeah... too bad neither  
of us can move...



Errgh... I will  
destroy you yet

So this is how it ends...

BAMF!!

You worth ess min on!  
Where have you been?

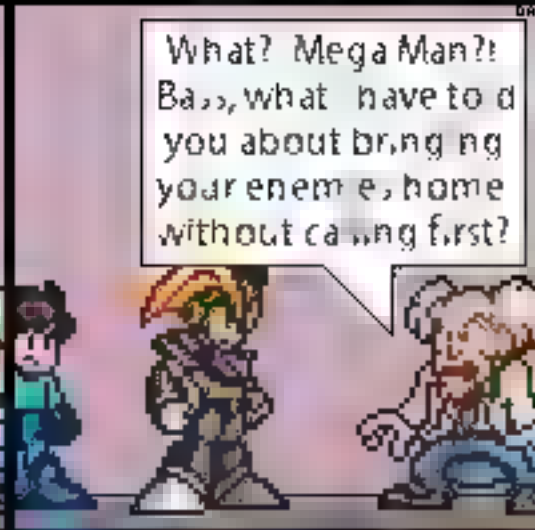
Here we are Mega Man  
My secret spot!

Sometimes I like to come  
up here just to be alone

What? Did you think  
I was going to take  
him to Dr. Wily?







So Mega Man... I finally  
have you in my clutches...

What's the matter?  
Cat got your tongue?  
No witty comebacks?

Bass, did you break him?  
How am I supposed to have  
my revenge when I can't  
even banter with him?!

Bass what's wrong  
with Mega Man?



I dunno Maybe it  
has something to do  
with him not being  
the real Mega Man



What?

This is the Mega Man  
from that past that you  
wanted me to destroy



You know, from  
the last story line

Ah yes...



Ana, have a devious plan  
to destroy Mega Man!

What is it?



It's simple. The only reason Mega Man has been able to  
defeat me in the past is his dumb luck. If I secretly remove  
the initial stupid duty I programmed into him he'll lose that  
advantage, and when he returns to the past, I'll finally be  
able to destroy him!



Um... wouldn't it be  
easier to just destroy  
him right now?

Um... of course not



But wouldn't it just be easier to destroy this  
Mega Man now so he can't go back into the  
past and defeat you again and again and...



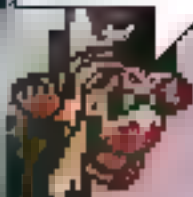
Quiet! Don't you know that  
all mad scientists have to have  
needlessly over complicated  
plans? It's just how it is.



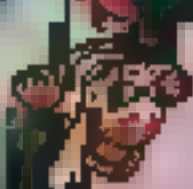
Well, this isn't good



Okay let's review  
Dr. Wily has kidnapped  
the Mega Man from the  
past and is going to do  
evil things with him



I can't just rush in and  
save him by myself I'm  
going to need someone  
who's fast, smart, and  
very heavily armed...



Too bad that  
disqualifies almost  
every character in  
*this comic strip...*



So after some serious thought, Proto Man realized there was only one person that could help him...



But to find his ally, he must travel far and wide, to a new area with a different background...



Which is really something... when you consider that... it's in the same storyline... oh, nevermind I just wanted a comic.



Just go with it. He's been busy lately. Besides, it's almost his birthday.



BLAM!!

Hey! Where do you think you're going? Get back here so I can kick your ass!! And you, stay right there I'll kick your ass next

BLAM!!



Ow! How dare you blast me when my back's turned I'll teach you to try that again!

BLAM!!



Die! Die!! DIE !!  
**DIE!!!!**

BLAM!!!



BLAM!!!

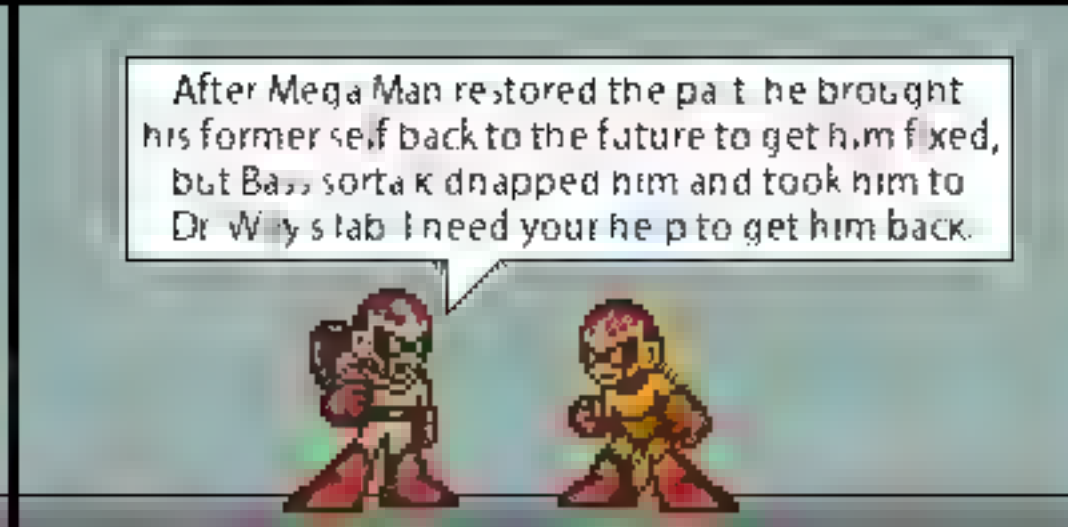
Uh, maybe I picked the wrong person...

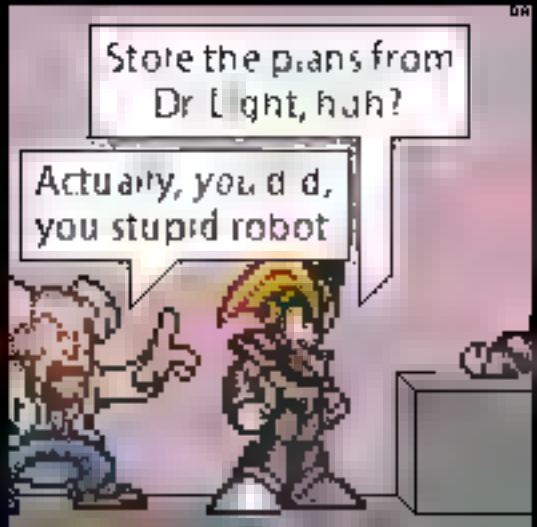
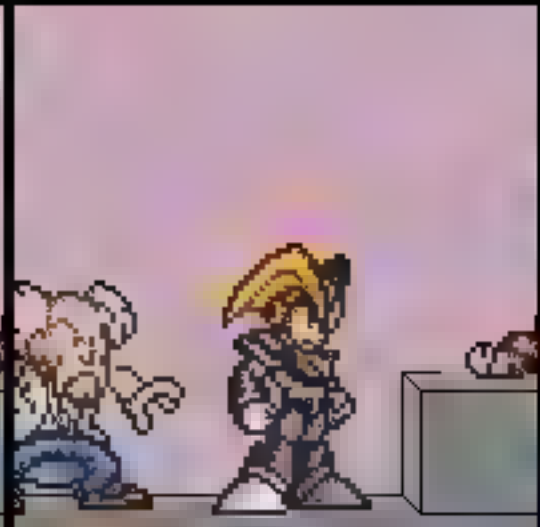
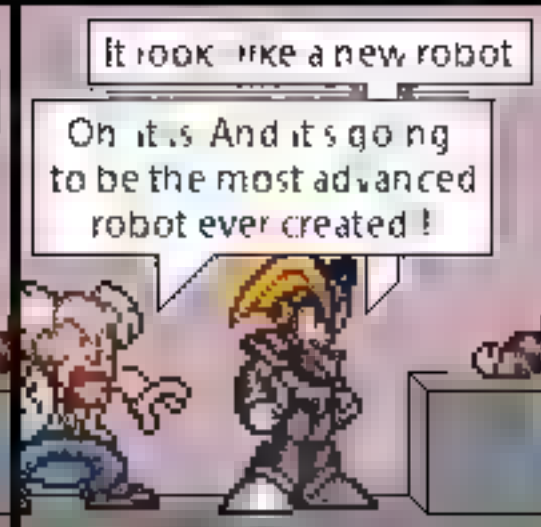
Oh! Proto Man!  
What a surprise!

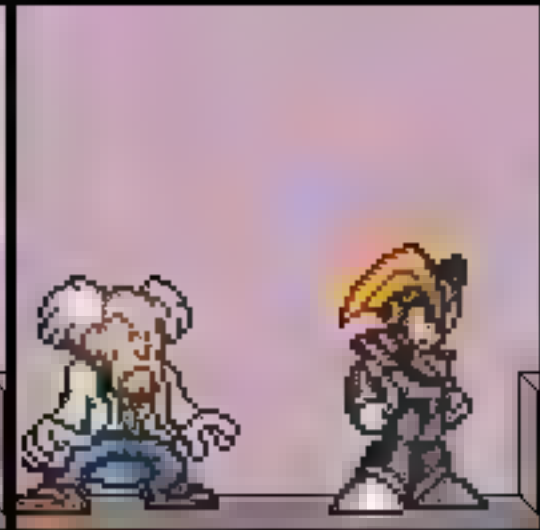
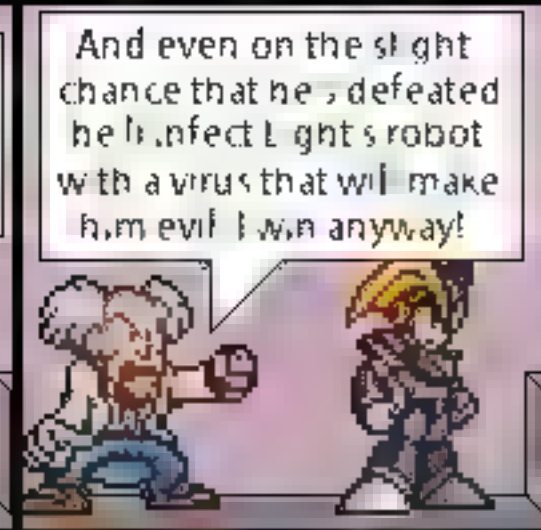
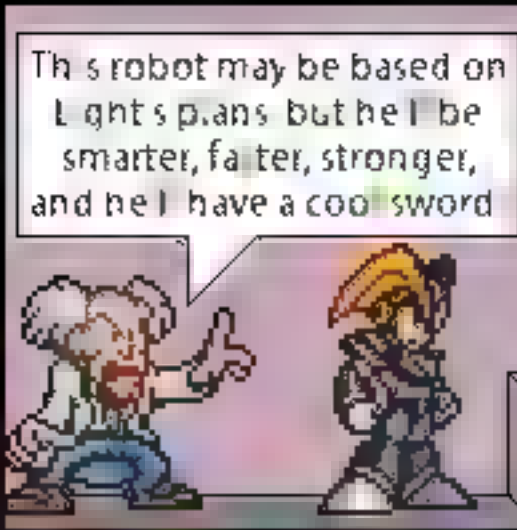


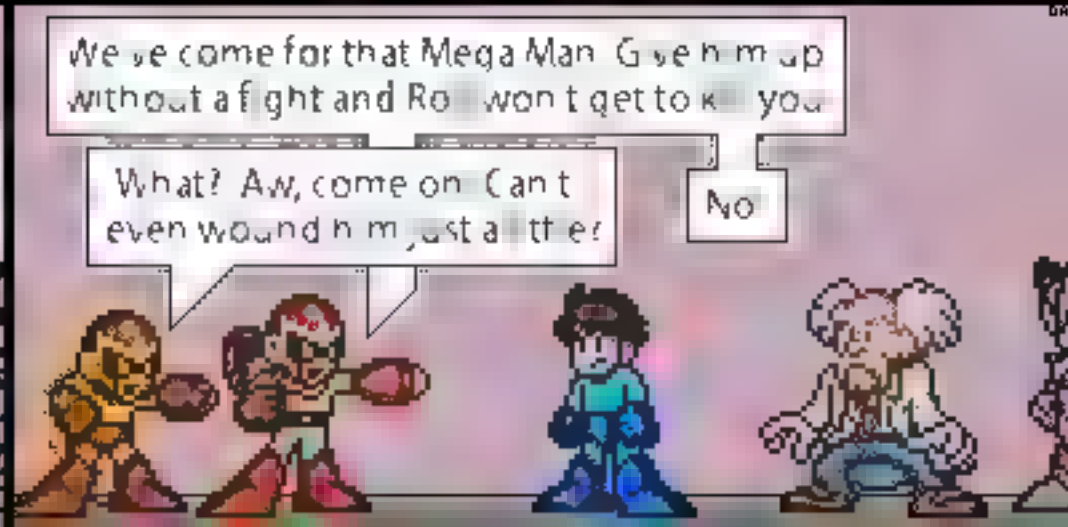
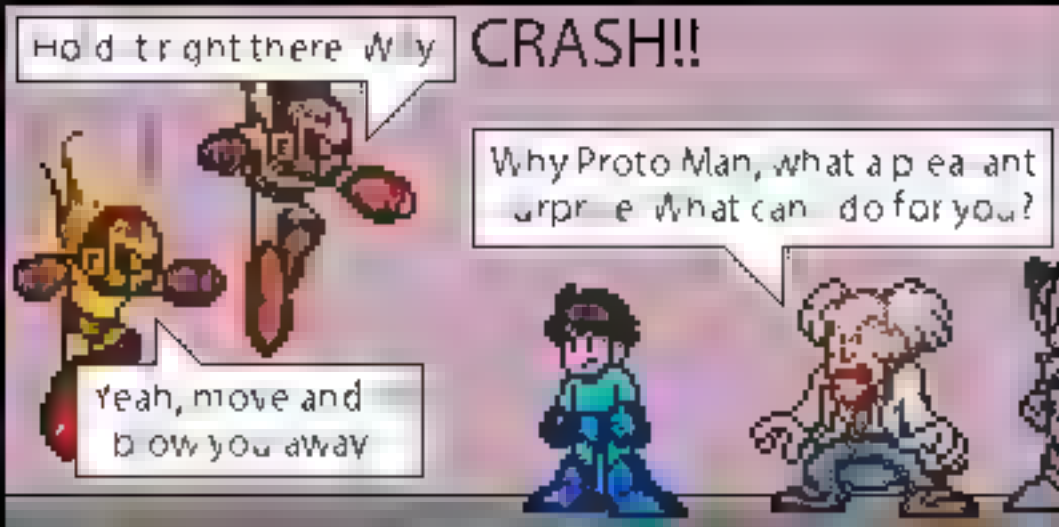












On Proto Man You wound me — have  
you know that, was just about to send  
Bass, to take your Mega Man back to you

Yeah, right What  
did you do to him?

What makes you think  
I did anything to him?

Oh, but didn't I, just  
watch you reprogram...

And didn't I, tell  
you to GET OUT !:

Mwahaha... Little do those fools realize that have a ready finished reprogramming their precious Mega Man!



Now, when he returns to his own time... he'll... he'll...



You know, it's just not the same...







Well, here we are,  
my Research and  
Development room

Where's X? Where's X?



He's over there

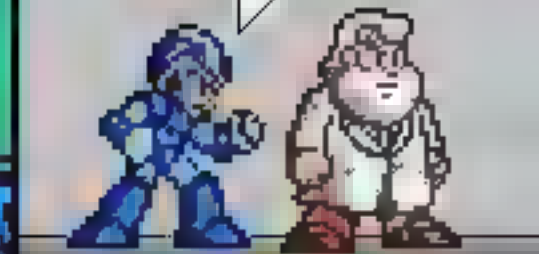
Ooh Ooh!



Oh X X Come look  
at this! You're naked



Sometimes I  
really hate him



Okay okay I'm looking  
at myself before I was  
completed Whoop e



Look. You don't even  
have all your armor!  
You look so cute!



This is just great  
How can this get any  
more embarrassing?



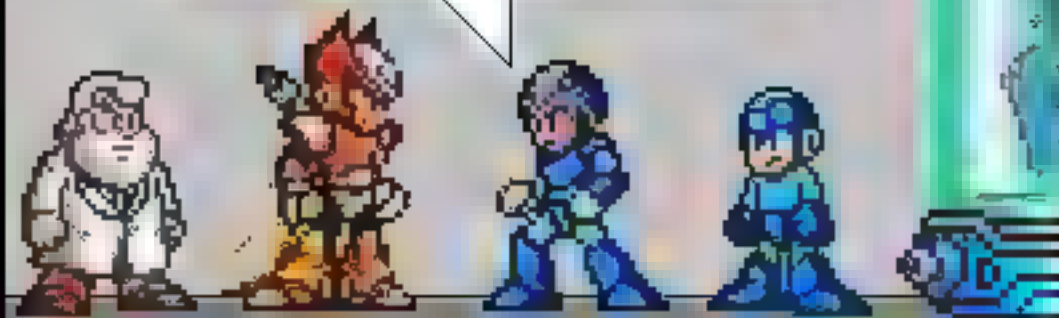
# FWOOM!

Whoa What a rush!  
Oh there he is! Hey X





Oh, let me introduce you Zero, this is  
Dr. Light and Mega Man. Fellow, this is  
Zero, a close friend from the future



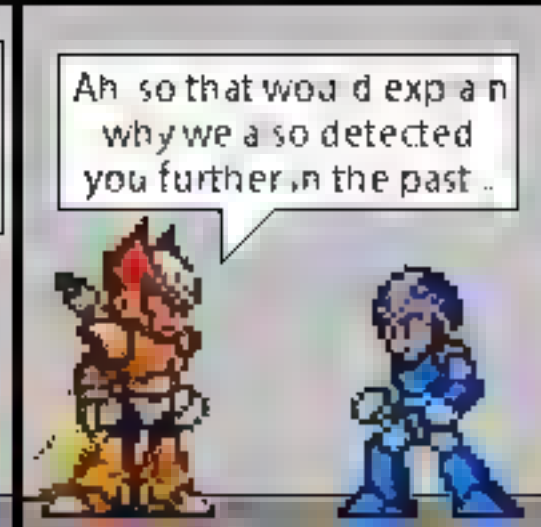
It's a pleasure to finally  
meet you. I've only  
seen your hologram

My hologram?



Nice hair. Are you a boy  
robot or a girl robot?





Whoa... this is kinda freaky

Yeah how would you like it if we were gawking at your incomplete form?



Hey! Do you think we could? Do you suppose Dr Wily's started on me yet?

Shh! We're not supposed to know about that yet

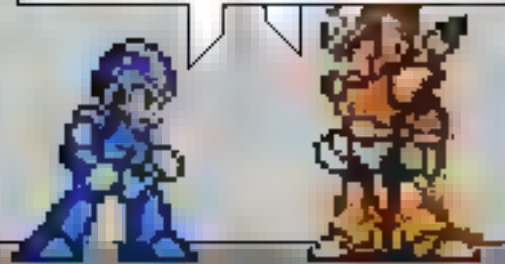


Anyway, we brought another Mega Man into the future to repair him, since it could only be done here



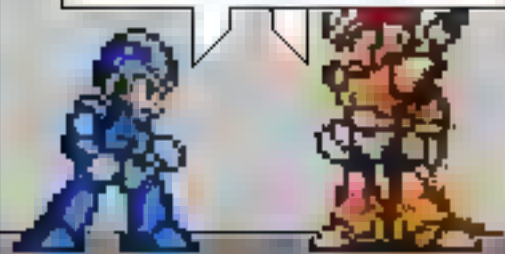
So where is he?

Oh, Bass ran off with him and we're waiting for Proto Man to bring them back.



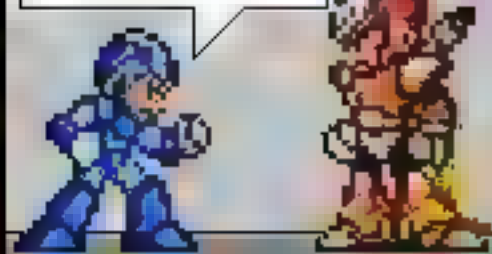
So who're Proto Man and Bass?

Proto Man is Mega Man's brother and Bass is one of Dr. Wily's robots



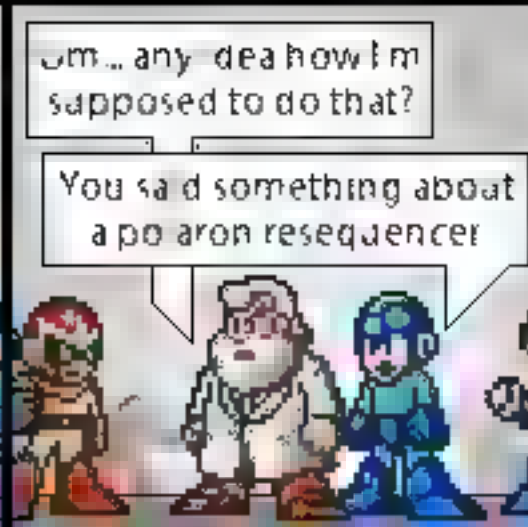
This place is very strange...

You don't know the half of it












Hey! Author here again

Some of you have been wondering why Dr Light doesn't seem to remember the events of Megaman 2.

Well uh he forgot Yeah that's it He forgot He's just old and forgot That's all  
Yup. no plot hole here

Crap Okay, um... There are no plot holes... there aren't the dro ds you're looking for... crap, it's not working...



I don't believe we've met I'm Proto Man and this is my sister Roll

Nice to meet you I'm X and this is my good friend Zero We're from the future

The future, eh? I bet you two get into all sorts of hijinks huh?

Oh, you could say that...

Dr. Light, why do I have to wear these stupid glasses? It's not that bright

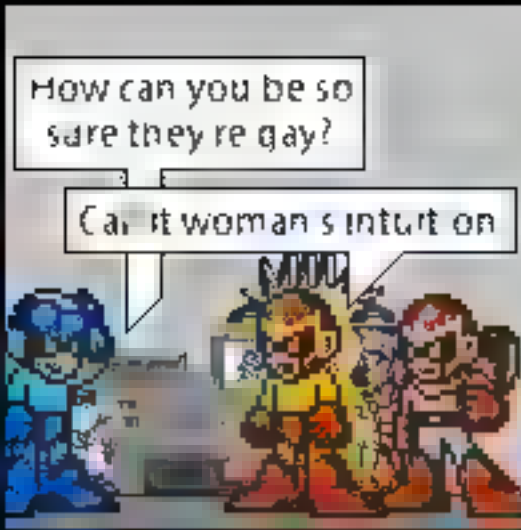
Mega Man I'm warning you  
Don't take off those glasses

Yeah, what do you know? I'm not gonna look like Proto Man just cause you think it's a little bright

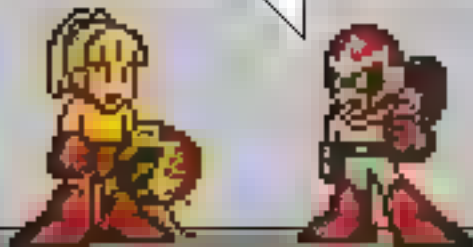
Hmm... Now that  
think about it that  
is just a little bright

Told you





But don't you think it's  
rude to discuss people's  
sexual orientation  
behind their backs?



Well, maybe just a little  
But it's gossip. Besides  
if they didn't want people  
to talk about it, they  
shouldn't look so gay!



Right. Let's just  
drop it, okay?

Yeah, yeah, fine

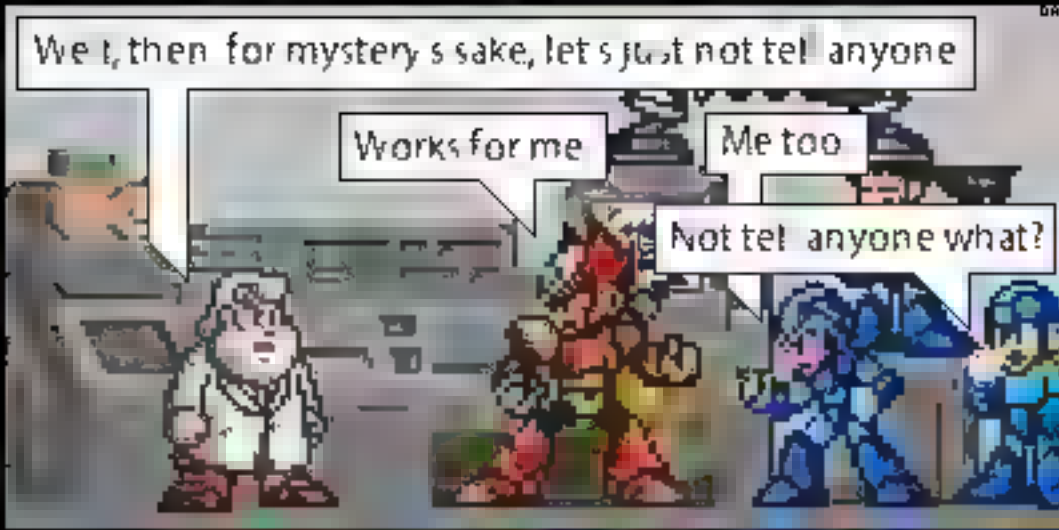
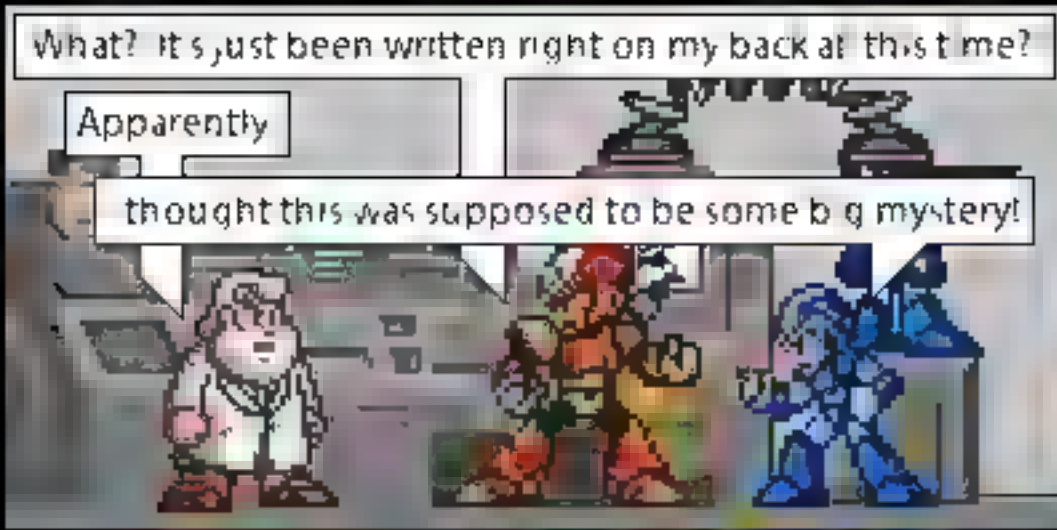


Hey, where's Mega Man?





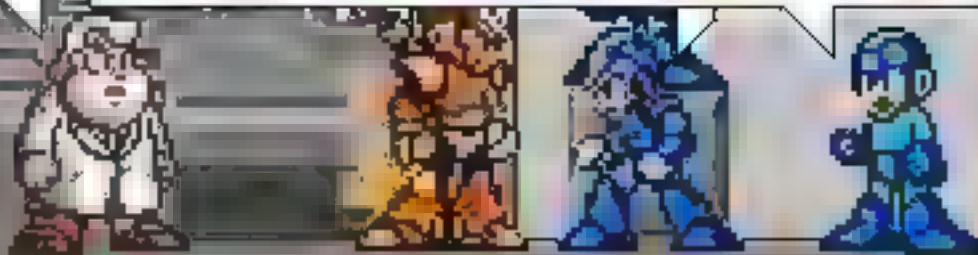




Um, so, X what's the future like?

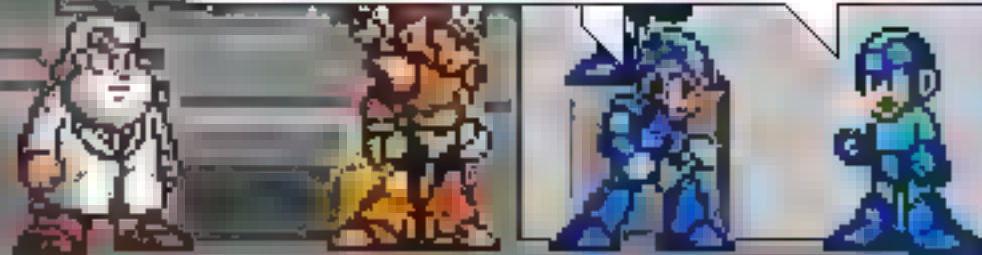
Oh, about like this, except darker and more sinister

Ooh! What about me? What am I like in the future?



Actually, it's very strange. There're almost no records of you at all. Or Dr. Light and Dr. Wily for that matter. It's as if none of you ever existed...

Oooh... creepy... so, seriously, what am I like?



No listen to me No one knows  
what happened to any of you

That's not quite true I know of someone that knows...

What? You never told me this You promised  
we'd never keep secrets from each other

I wasn't keeping it a secret You never asked

When I was very young, I met an old robot master who  
taught me the ways of the robot... He claimed that he  
had lived before the Cataclysm... He spoke of many  
things in days gone past including a blue robot...

Or maybe that was  
that anime I was  
watching last night...

Well, it's been nice  
meeting you, Dr. Light  
but Zero and I should  
really be going now

It's been a pleasure

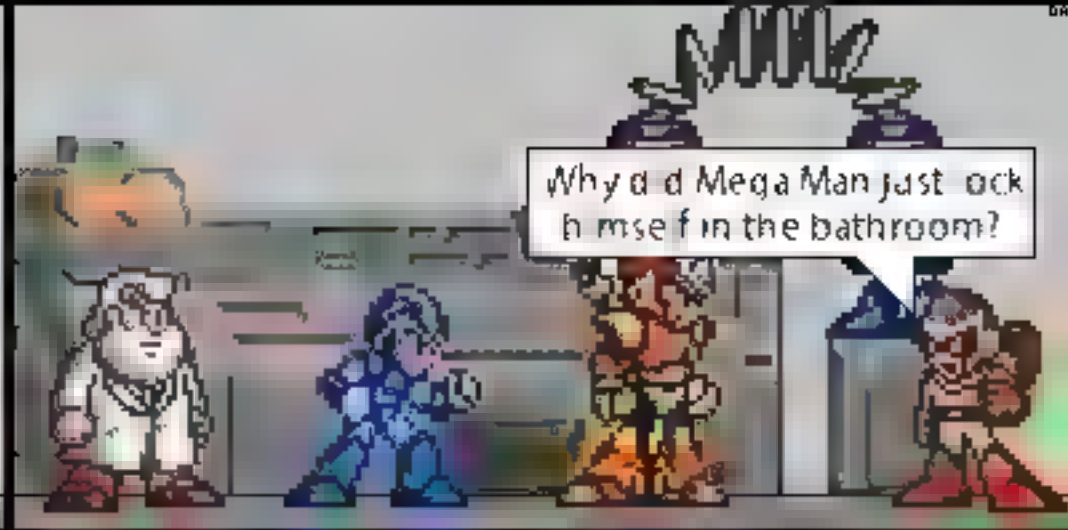
Since we're time traveling  
anyway, would you like  
us to take that old Mega  
Man back for you?

That would be great

The way, see it, your  
Mega Man shouldn't  
be doing any more  
time traveling. Ever

Agreed

That's it! I'm sick and tired  
of everyone thinking I'm  
incompetent and stupid!  
I've had it! I quit! Again!



So Mega Man locked  
himself in the bathroom  
because everything  
thinks he is an idiot



But he is an idiot



Well yeah, but that's  
not the point



What the hell are  
we doing, anyway?

What do you mean?

I mean, it's the 500th  
comic and all we're doing  
is standing around talking?

Yeah, but isn't that pretty  
much all we've done for  
that last 500 comic?

This is so lame



Wait... we've already  
done 500 comics?

Yup

But, that's like, half  
of a thousand

Yup

Where's my goddamn  
movie deal already?!



So Mega Man socked himself up, thinking we can't continue the comic without him, huh?

Yup



And suppose the Author's earned not to appear when we're looking for a Mega Man replacement, huh?

Yup



So... where are we gonna get someone who looks reasonably enough like Mega Man to replace him...

Don't even think about it



We already tried that and Dr. Light ended up dead. Wouldn't want to end up killing anyone else...

Fine.



Ooh! I know! Where's  
that blonde kid?

You mean George?



Yeah. He impersonated  
the Author, and the Author  
impersonated Mega Man,  
so maybe George can  
impersonate Mega Man!



I suppose that could work

Yeah. Where is he?



I think he's in  
the bathroom

Damn it

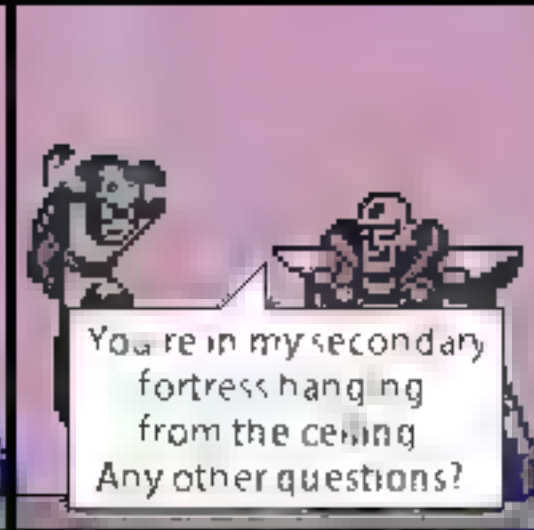
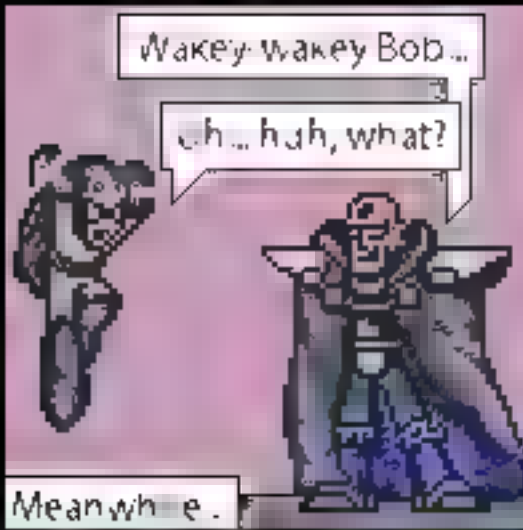


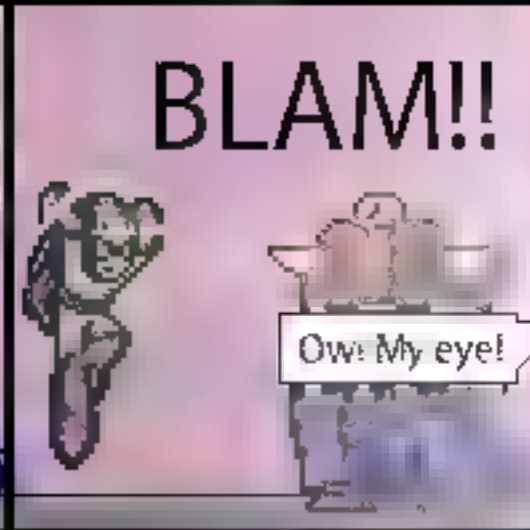
Hey guys what's up?

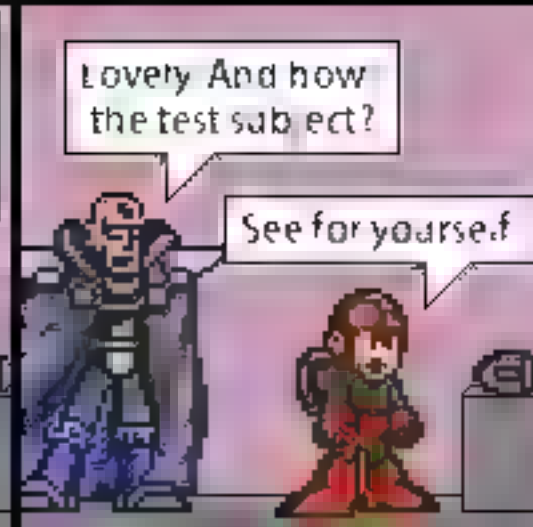
Zero For the a t time, get the  
hel off my goddamn pod!

Aw natbunnies

Jesus I take my time  
in the bathroom and  
they go and have a  
party without me















FWOOSH!

WAAAAH!  
Helping  
me!

WHAM.

Those jerks! If I ever get  
my hands on them, I'll  
teach them a thing or  
two about shooting me

I say, he's there

Mega Man?

I say, that was a spectacular  
landing on your butt  
Perhaps you could teach  
it to me sometime?





So what information  
are you trying to  
beat out of me?

I want the dimensions  
coordinates for the  
Megaman universe!

What? What in the hell  
makes you think I know  
anything about that?

Are you denying that you  
know the coordinates?

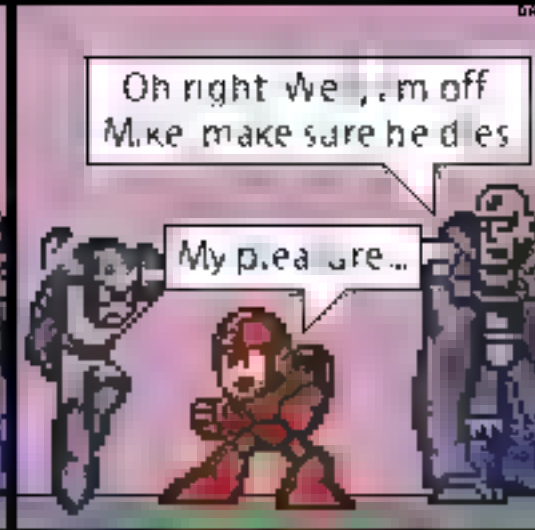
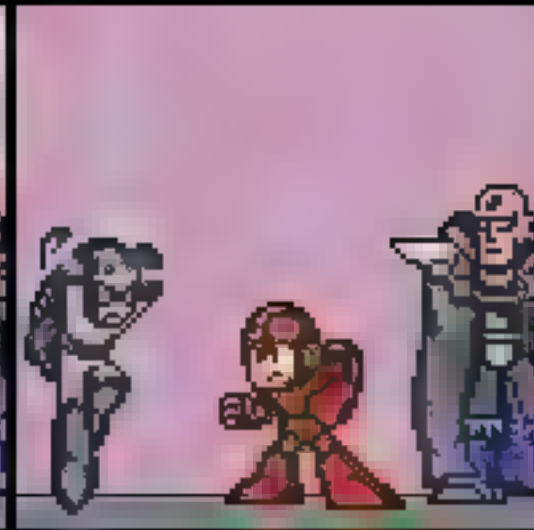
Yes, I'm denying that  
I don't know shit about  
this dimensional crap  
I'm just trying to get home

Hit him

Framing pink dragon  
knee punch!

WHAMF!

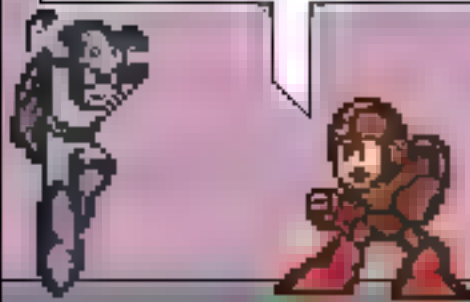
OOF



Okay Mike, I'll make you  
a deal. You get me down  
from here right now, and  
I promise I won't kill you.



Oh? Doth my ears deceive  
me? Is the Great and  
Powerful Bob actually  
begging for his life?



No, you moron, I'm just  
offering you a chance to  
come out of this alive.



Yeah? Well, I'm offering  
you a chance to taste  
my kung fu action!



So be it That was your last  
chance Prepare to die

Ha Well I see who's  
dying after my...

Overconfident backwards  
karate chop of death!

block.

Hey! You're not  
allowed to ..

Crack!

...block..

Now to get myself down  
and teach this boy a  
slow and painful lesson

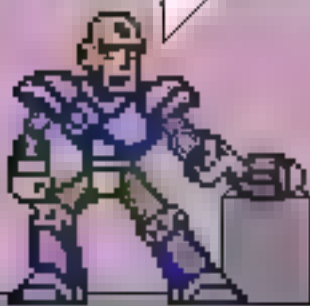
Thud.



At right I've punched in  
the coordinates. At left I've got  
to do is press the button  
to activate the porta ...



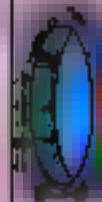
Um... I'm pretty sure  
it was this one ..



**BLAM!!**

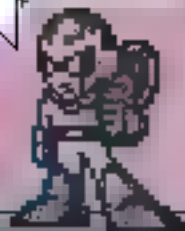


Nope, not  
that one



Hmm... now where do  
you suppose they put my  
blaster? I mean, how am  
supposed to to

HEY!!



Aha I've got you now!  
Without your blaster  
you're totally defenseless.



Whp!

THWACK!



Maybe it's over here...



Hey Mega Man aren't you  
going to have any ice cream?

Oh, no I'm extremely lactose  
intolerant. Just a little bit of  
dairy and I'd be puking all day.

Help! Help! I'm stuck to the ceiling!

Why are my eyes still bleeding?  
How long has it been since my  
eyes were pecked out anyway?  
God this comic is stupid.

Alternate Proto Man, it would certainly  
aid your current predicament if you  
just released your hold on your shield.

Weish! I'm never gonna  
find my baster. Guess... I  
just have to torture him  
the old fashioned way



Aha! I definitely have you  
now! You don't have  
a shield to throw at me!



SWISH

WHACK!



Poor stupid bastard...

Well time to begin  
his hideous torture



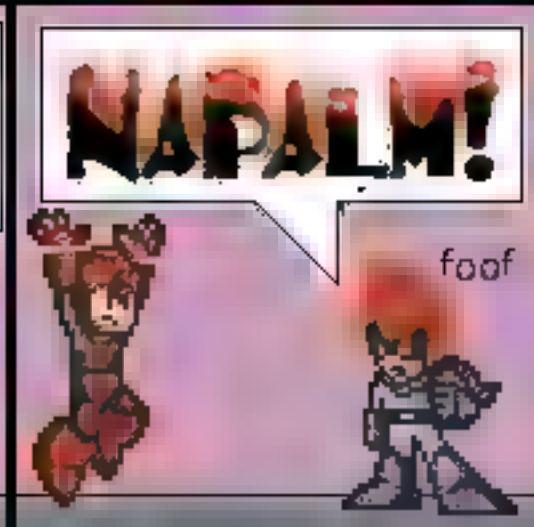
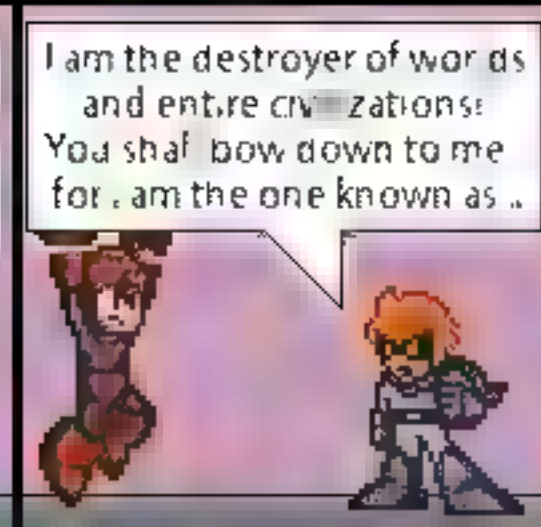
Wakey wakey Mickey...

Hah... wha...?

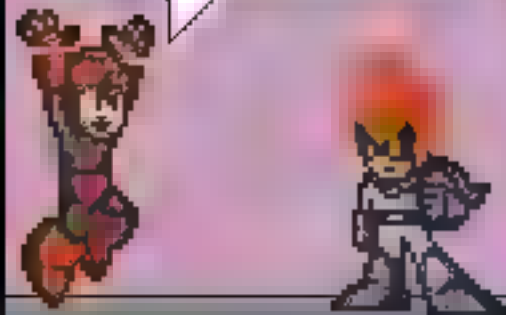
Bob: How did you...?!  
Oh nevermind it doesn't  
matter Without your  
blaster you can't hurt me

Hah! What makes you  
think that? Haven't you  
figured out who I am yet?

Oh crap Why do I get the  
feeling I should've been  
paying more attention to  
random foreshadowing?



Wait a minute... If  
you're Napa m, then  
that means George..

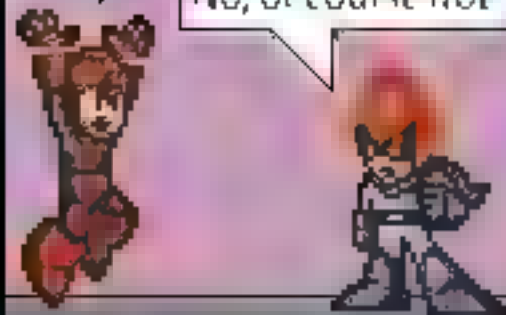


Quiet. We've had enough  
random foreshadowing  
for this story. Be Ready to  
begin your hideous torture?



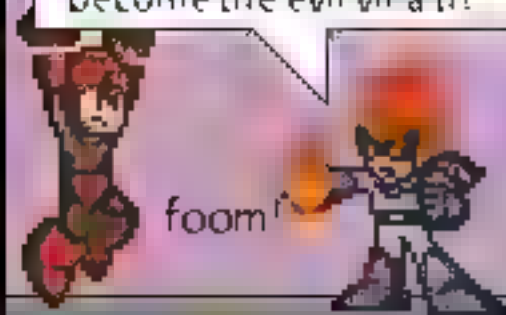
If said no would it  
make any difference?

No, of course not



But isn't it interesting how  
you've suddenly become  
the poor victim and I've  
become the evil villain?

foom!



Well enough chatting  
it's time to roast you  
like a little piggie



AAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!

FOOSH!!



You know,  
I get the  
feeling I'm  
forgetting  
something...



thwack

Ow



You are such a  
worthless minion

Bite me







This is so messed up

Indeed

Wow! You're me!

Mike, I am your father

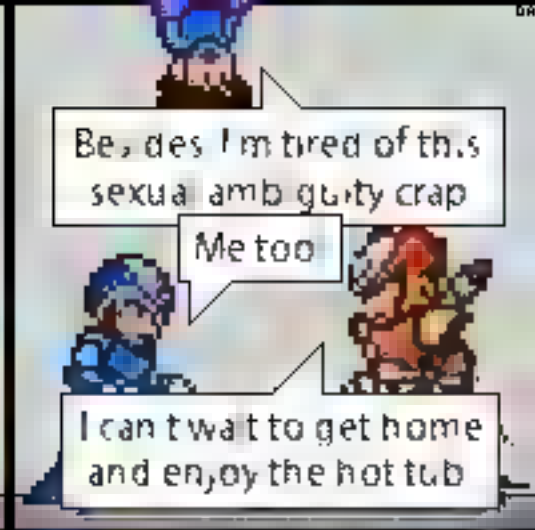
NO!

Dude she's totally checking you out

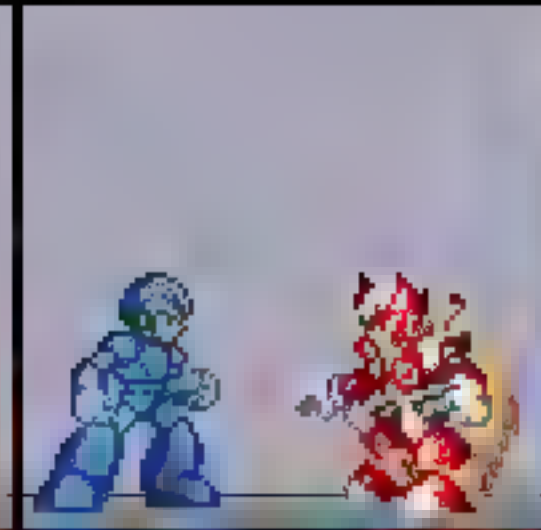
Really? is she cute?

That Bob is so hot

SQUAWK







What's going on?  
Why are you hiding?

I forgot about  
my date with Iris

What? Oh, my friend,  
you are one dead robot

I know. Now get your ass  
down before she sees you

Man, what is it with  
you and your screwed  
up relationships?

Hey, know you, don't.?

Screw you

Wait a minute why are  
we hiding? It's not like  
she's right outside

X, this is *Iris* we're talking  
about She's probably  
been staking the place  
out since I left waiting  
for us to get back...

Are you telling me  
she could already be  
inside the house?

H. guys!!

AAAAAAH!!

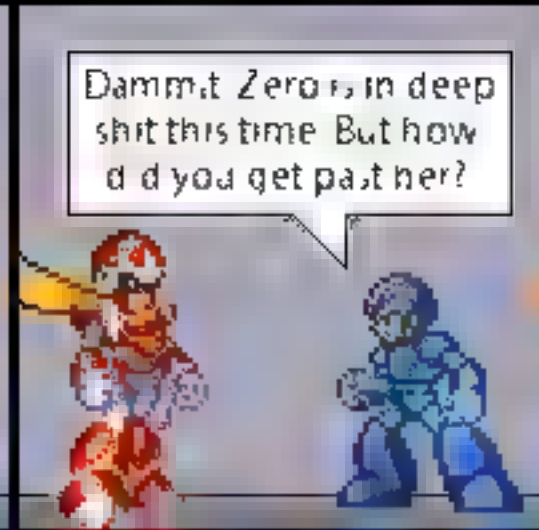
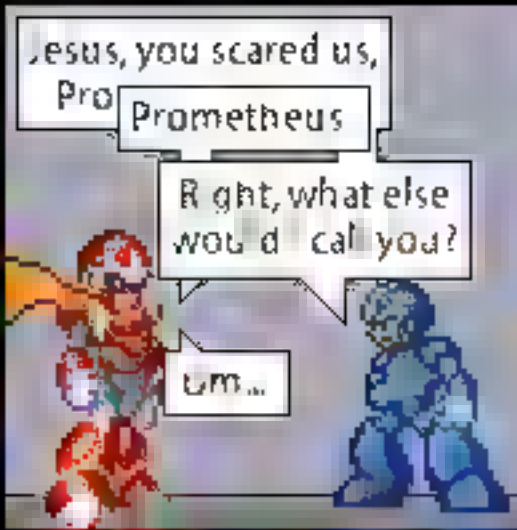
AAAAHHHHH!!


God I love doing that











Damm t How many time,  
do I have to tel you guys  
that I m not a grry robot?

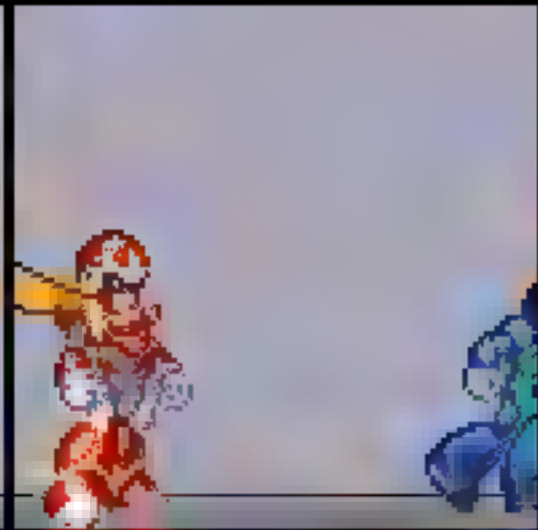
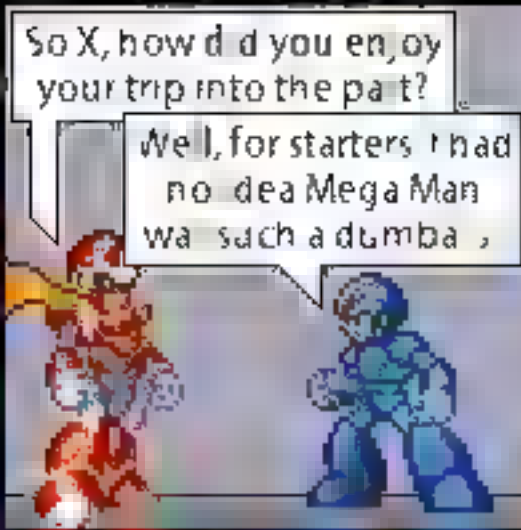
Wait, were you two  
talking about me?

Not directly

Oh Shou d I st,  
be offended?

Yes

An, okay I l, ust stand over  
here be ng, nd gnant then



Pfoof!

What the hell?

So, this is the future...  
Hmm... 32-bit ty...

Author? AUTHOR!

Huh? WAAAAA....

Thud!

Sorry about that

Ow

Author! You came back.

What? Proto Man?



You have no idea how much I've missed you!

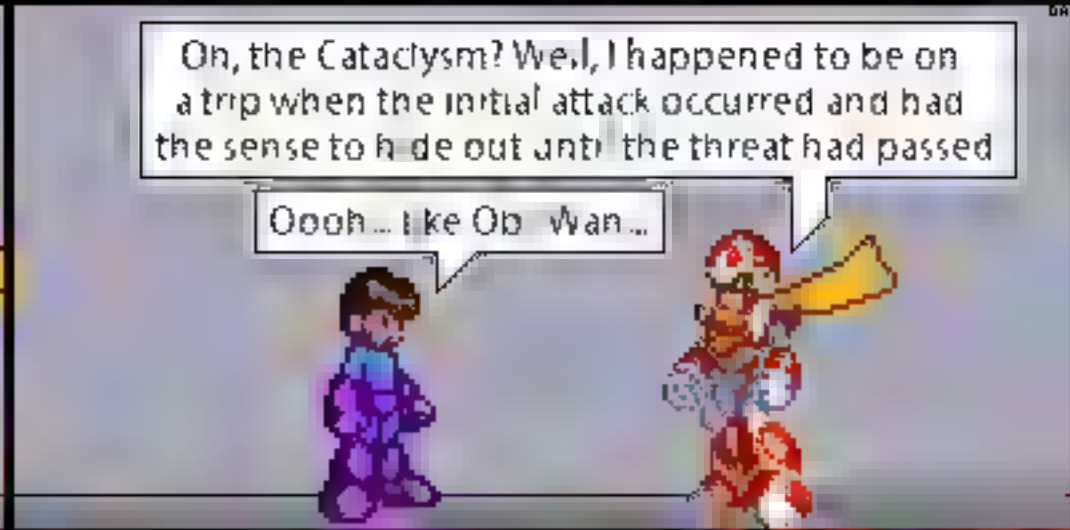
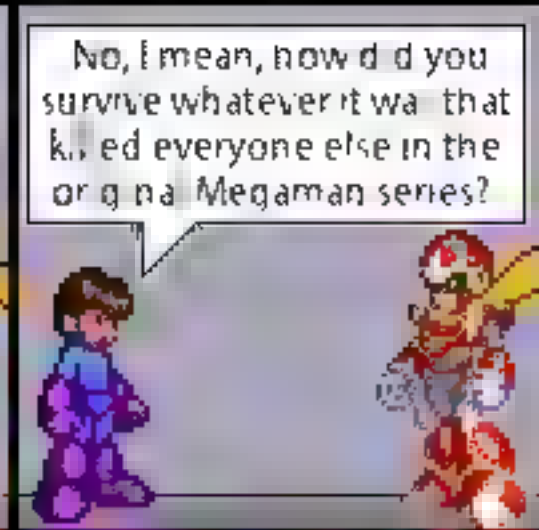
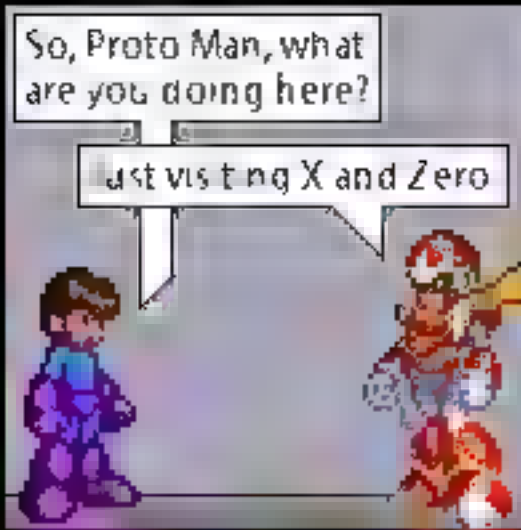
Me? Why?



This place is too damn dark and serious I've missed the freakiness when you were around. Besides, everyone here is too smart I haven't had a good smirk in a long time







The Cataclysm was a very dark time. Many valiant heroes lost their lives. Only three of Dr. Light's creations survived, X, myself, and a third. And ironically, X himself destroyed that third robot.



Man, the future's  
freaking depressing





Alright, that's enough of this stupid  
mystery and foreshadowing a ready  
Just tell me what happened here!



I can't Before you abandoned  
the comic in disgust, you made  
me swear I would never reveal the  
truth to anyone, especially you



Dammit I'm  
such a bastard



Fine then If you won't tell  
me what happened, I'll  
just go find out myself



Pfoof!



We, I shit



Whoa... that was weird...

What's the matter?

You ever get the feeling  
that something very, very  
bad is about to happen?

Yeah, but it's  
usually just gas.

Aaaaaah! The world  
is coming to an end



What's with Mega Man?

told him we ran  
out of ice cream



You're such a bitch

You say that like  
it's a bad thing



Hey, at least he's out  
of the bathroom



meting you I have  
a bad feeling about...

**FWOOSH!**



Aw crap



See? This is bad  
This is always bad

Oon... Pretty lights



No Bad Bass: Entering  
strange portals is bad

On nutbannes



FWOOSH!!

Oh crap, it's Bob



On no Not Bob!

Thud

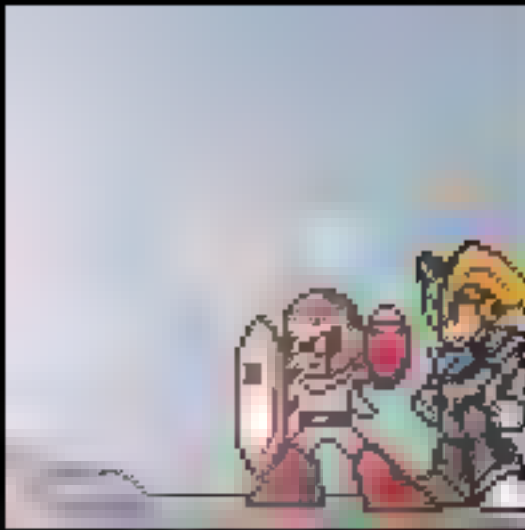


Thud



Wait, who's Bob?





Lm... why isn't he moving?



Lm... shouldn't he be attacking or something?

Shut up Bass



He's out cold

But who could've  
done such a thing?

Oh, probably some bad  
freak from another  
dimension planning on  
destroying our universe

Hey! You've been  
reading ahead!

Of course I have  
Somebody's got to  
know what the hell's  
going on around here

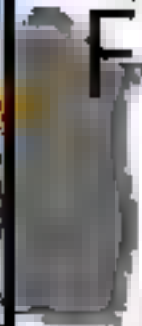


Hey, why's that portal  
still open? Is someone  
else coming through?



I am...

FLASH!!



MYND!



Flash!



Well, it's certainly  
no "pfoof"...

The sound guys  
been getting lazy



So, I take it you're the  
one that defeated Bob?

Yes, twas I!

Well any enemy of Bob's  
is a friend of ours...

Psst!

What?

Isn't he the bad guy that  
going to try to kill us all?

Yes but we're not  
supposed to know  
that so shut up







What's the big deal? I just want  
to know how Chadling got here

Okay that's it I'm  
to teach you a lesson

No NO Not the  
Rehabilitator!



AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHH!!!

Hey boss, maybe we should  
rethink this attack of ours



Hey have you guy seen Mega Man... Oh my God, it's Sigma

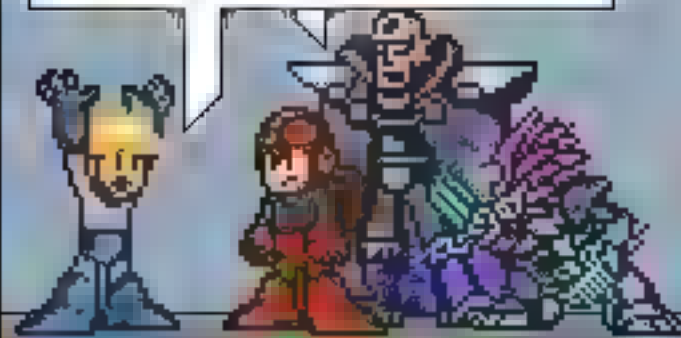


Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream



How many times do I have to  
tell you people that I'm not...

Oh my God, so much ice cream



Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream







Whoa Hold on there,  
Chad ing Why don't  
you go help George and  
Nate take the ice cream  
to Bass and Mega Man?



Fine but this isn't over  
between me and  
the ice cream hater



Now Mynd, I'm guessing you haven't  
actually read the comic before have you?

Of course not Who in their right  
mind would want to read this drive?



Ah Wait  
to get off!



Look, I don't care what you do Mynd but I'm gonna go get some ice cream before it's all gone



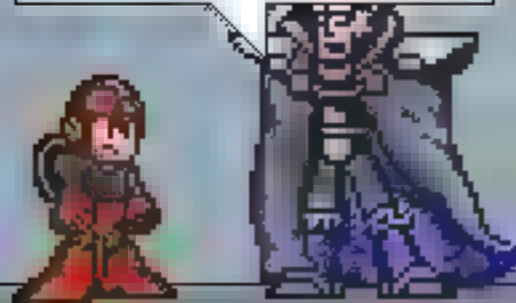
Mike, follow Proto Man. As the only real threat here, it'll be your task to destroy him

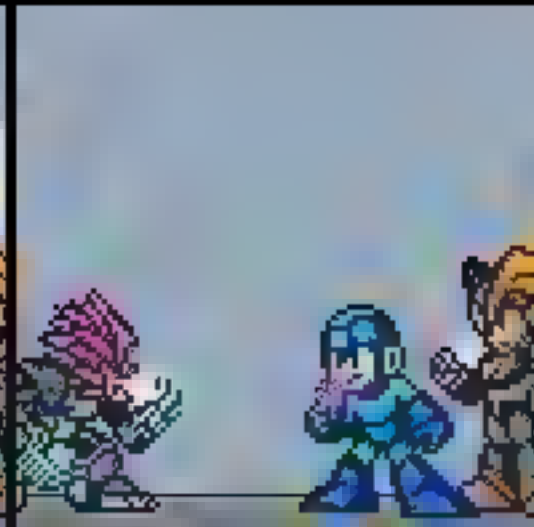


And what are you gonna do, boss?



I'm going to stay right here and announce our plans to the audience, so nothing can go wrong







Oh Bob, what did they do to you?

Well, first they tied him up then beat the crap out of him

You're not helping here, you know

Since when do I help people in this comic?

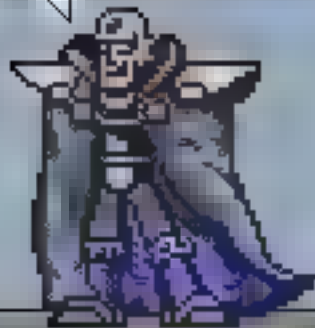
Yes. This is perfect! These fools will never suspect the trap they've fallen into.

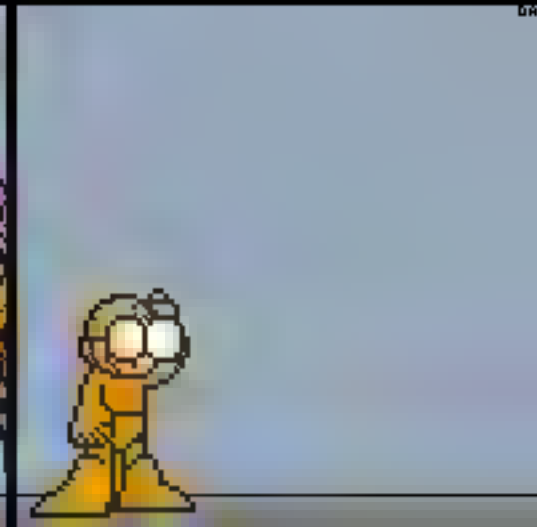


And when I give the word, my minions will destroy them, leaving this world defenseless.



With a plan this simple, what could possibly go wrong?





Nate? What's wrong?



What? Mynd announced his plans right in front of you? So he's evil and stupid...



Let's go stop him







I'm gonna blast you,  
Bass, er, Mega Man!

Hee hee, not if I blast you  
first, Bass, you evil guy!

What the hell are you wearing?

They said it was the most  
popular costume last year

Oh, he is going to KILL  
you when he wakes up

But he's so pretty

What's your  
problem?



Who are you supposed  
to be? Queen Am da a?

No, I'm a Q. You know,  
from Star Trek?

Oh! Poor Nate is stuck in an  
invisible box, Chad, the  
pretty flower will save him!

Dr. Why? I'm glad  
you could make it

Oh dammit! Mega Man  
came a, Bass too?



Yeah And then I ...

Mynd You foo



The first thing you should learn about this comic is that you never announce your plans!

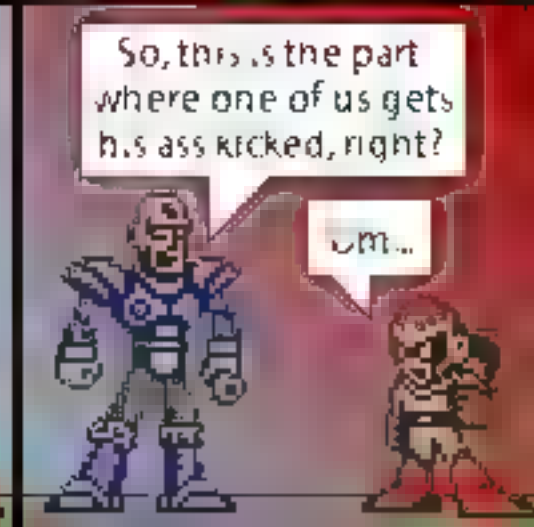


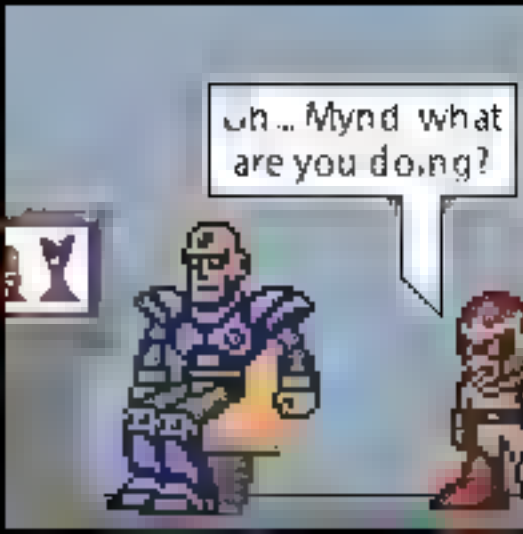
That's it! I don't have to take this crap anymore




Wait! Mynd, if you leave who's going to destroy us?!



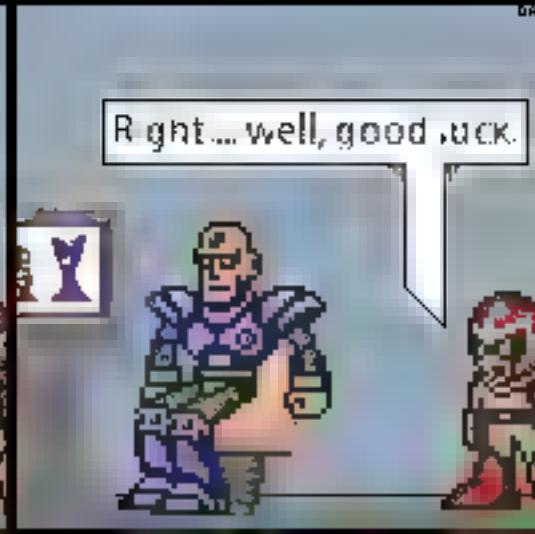


A pixelated comic strip panel showing a man in a purple and yellow suit with a flower on his chest and a woman in a red dress. The man is on the left, looking at the woman on the right. A speech bubble from the man contains the text.

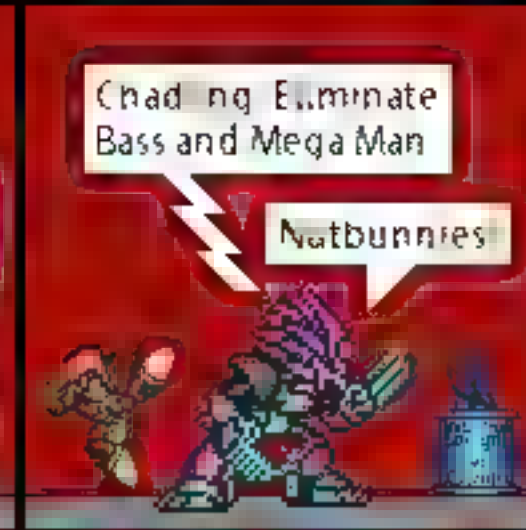
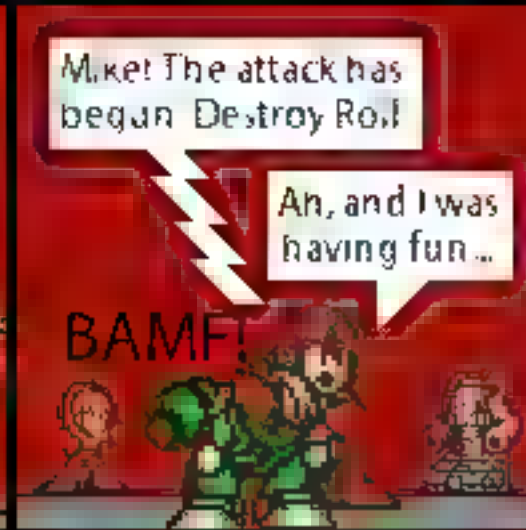
Uh... Mynd what  
are you doing?

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same man and woman. The man is on the left, looking at the woman on the right. A speech bubble from the man contains the text.

m f n a y reading the stupid  
comic so I'll stop being the  
butt of all these lame jokes

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same man and woman. The man is on the left, looking at the woman on the right. A speech bubble from the man contains the text.

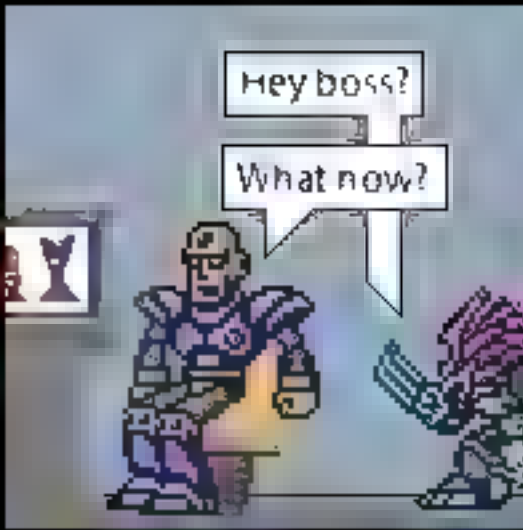
Right... well, good luck.



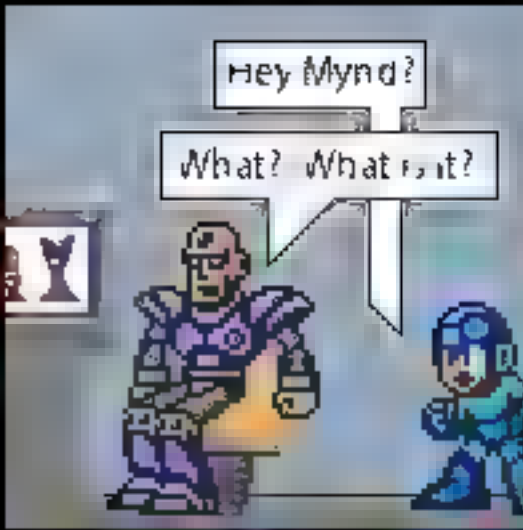














A pixelated comic strip panel showing two characters. On the left, a character with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a red robe, looks towards the right. On the right, a character with light skin and long blonde hair, wearing a yellow shirt and brown pants, looks back. A speech bubble from the dark-skinned character contains the text.

Roll, I've got some bad  
news I have to k. you

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The dark-skinned character is on the left, looking at the blonde character on the right. The blonde character has a mischievous expression. Text is written above the blonde character.

Heh heh ..  
Hee hee...  
\*snicker\*

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The dark-skinned character is on the left, looking at the blonde character on the right. A large speech bubble from the blonde character contains the text.

Ahahaha!!!

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The dark-skinned character is on the left, looking at the blonde character on the right. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the dark-skinned character and one from the blonde character.

I'm serious

know! That's what  
makes it so funny!

What, this? Foreboding of the Cataclysm? Yes.  
Proof that I will triumph!



Oh, these poor fools! How could they have let themselves get stuck in this comic in the first place?



What... oh damn it...



Fine you want to kill  
me? You have to catch  
me first N n, a Ned!

Tee hee

N n, a Ned?

An! Finally done And  
here's today's comic.



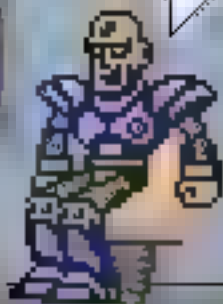
Hey! it's me in a chair,  
taking. Wow I am one  
good looking Rep o d



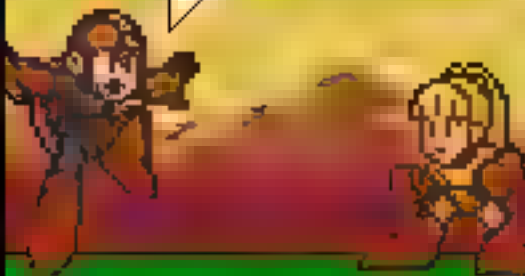
Eh, but it's kind of a  
game comic... maybe  
just don't get it. What  
else is on this site?



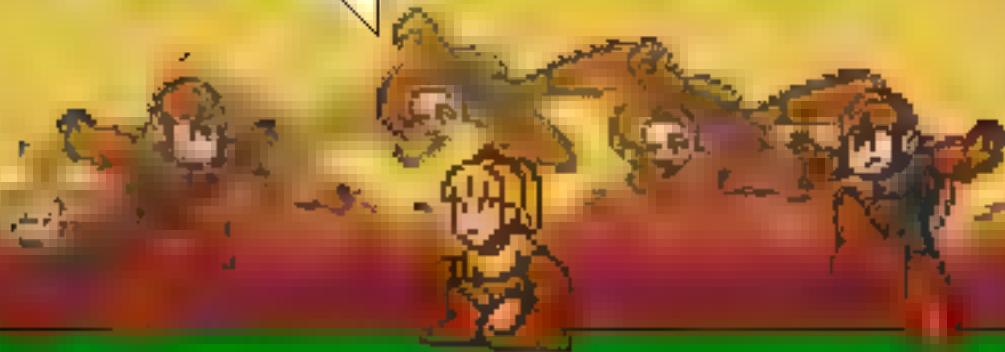
Ooh A link to the  
Evil Overlord's List



Ana I've caught you!  
Now, my ultimate attack....



Pythagorean Perpendicular Jump Kick!



Ha ha You missed  
me, Ana, Ned!

Well you're not  
supposed to duck.







If I were you, N n, a Ned,  
I wouldn't make any loud  
noises or sudden moves...

Goddamn, t!!  
My name is not  
NINJA NED!!

Oh crud vapors ..

Poor Mikey

crack!

RUMBLE!

Guys... Mynd's ordered me  
to k... you two... but I just  
can't bring myself to do it

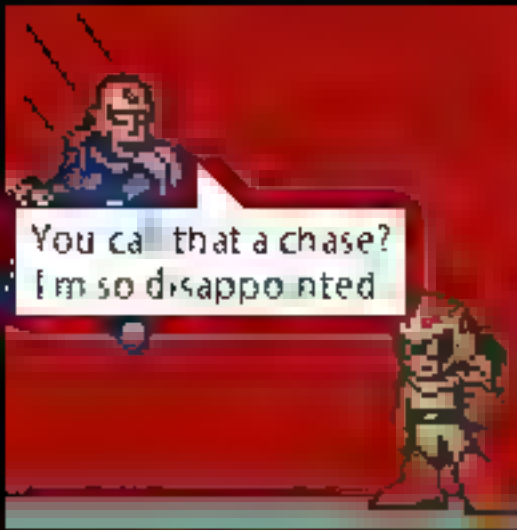
mean you guys are my  
friends I can't hurt you

That's so sweet Chad no  
I don't think I can hurt  
you either Bass you do it

Eek.

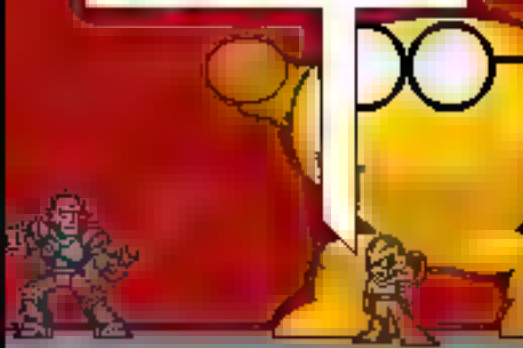
Righto



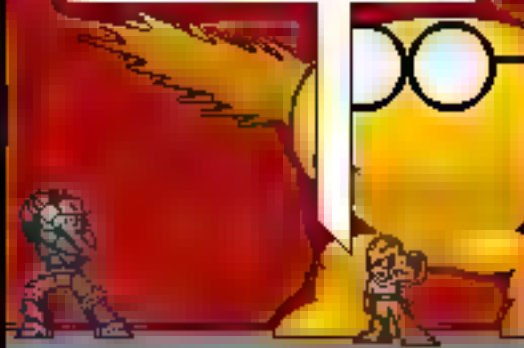




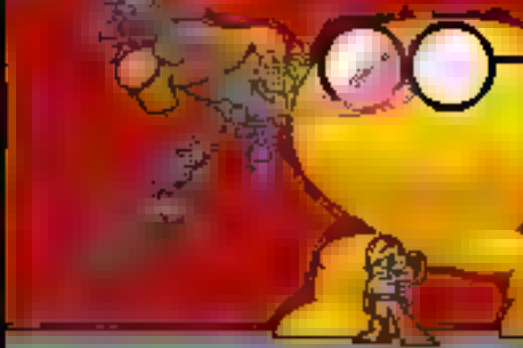
Wait! Nate's a Yellow  
Demon... He can just  
regrow his arm!



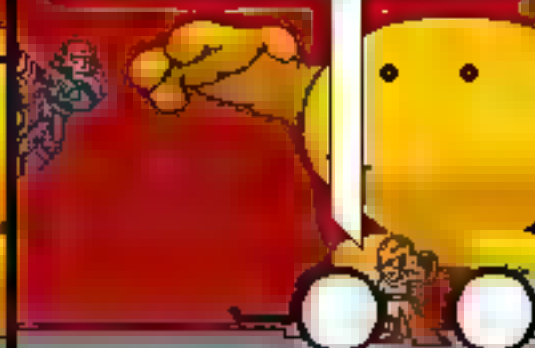
Give it up, Mynd. As  
long as you can't stop  
Nate, you'll never win.

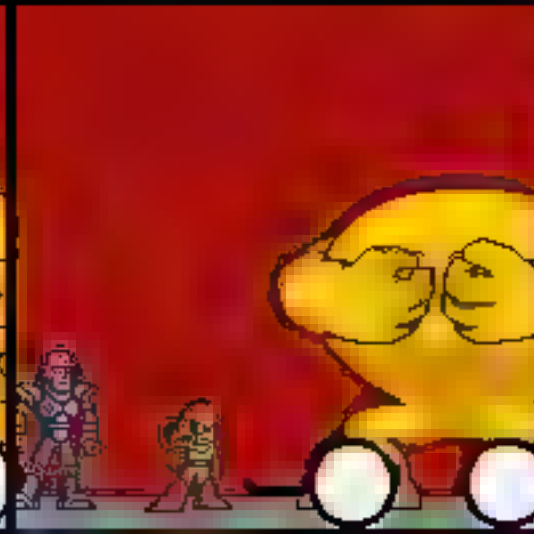


SLASH!



Well, this isn't going well.







What happened to Nate?

Mynd broke his glasses

That jerk.



Hey guys... Oh my God!  
Nate's glasses fell off!  
He's going to kill us all!




AAAAAAAAHHHHH !!



It's okay Nate we'll go  
get your game fixed...



A four-panel comic strip featuring Mega Man and Dr. Wily. In each panel, Dr. Wily is on the left and Mega Man is on the right. The background is a solid red color. The panels are separated by thin black vertical lines. In the first panel, Dr. Wily is speaking. In the second panel, Mega Man is speaking. In the third panel, Dr. Wily is speaking. In the fourth panel, Mega Man is speaking.

Mynd Now it's my  
turn to fight you!

Excellent You can't imagine  
how long I've been wanting  
to fight you, Mega Man...

Yes... can I'm not an .idiot

What?

Four months, right?  
No, wait, five minutes?  
Thirteen years Man I suck  
at these guessing games

Ah, Chad ng Excellent  
timing Kill them both



No I don't wanna!  
They're my friends!



Like you have a choice  
...KILL THEM...



Ack, sed Mynd Trick  
...Must .. KILL THEM...



Mynd, when will you  
learn that Chad ng has  
a mind of his own?

He'd no sooner know me  
than he would know Bass.

SLASH!!

Isn't that so, Chad ng?

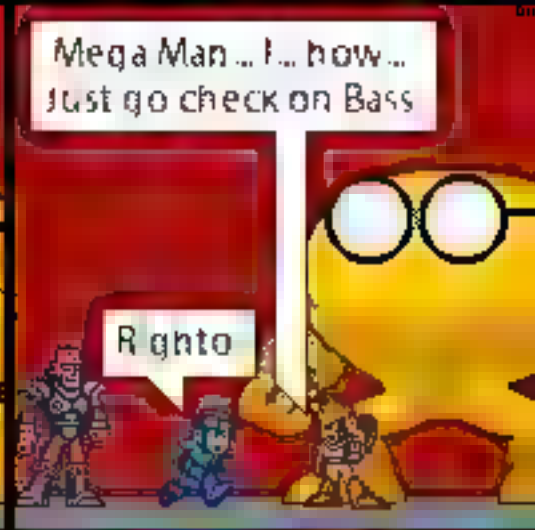
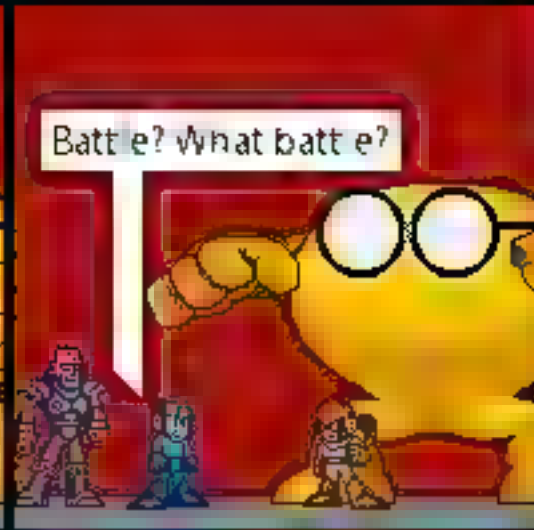
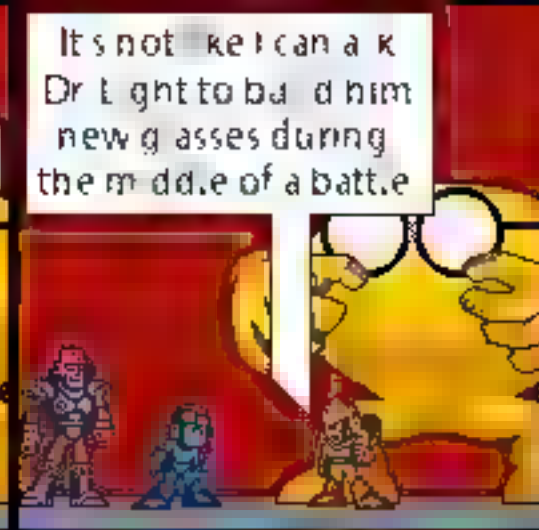
Oh my god! You killed  
Bass! You bastards!

And now it's your turn to  
die you little blue bug!

Argh I can't take anymore  
of this awful dialogue  
Don't you two know how  
to banter properly? Look,  
it's really not that hard

Like this. It's time to kick ass  
and chew bubble gum, and  
we're all outta bubble gum

CRASH!!



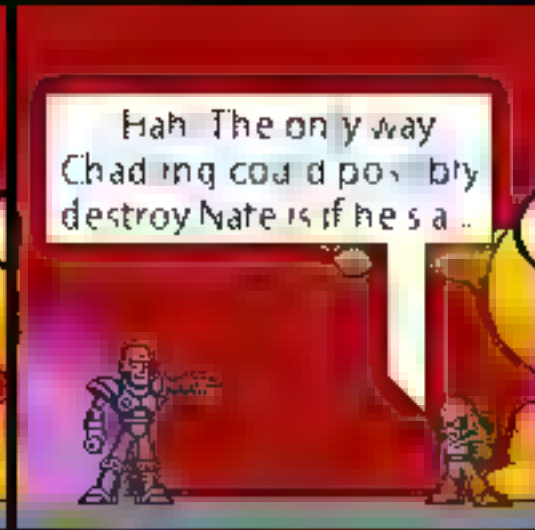
You know Mynd,  
there's one problem  
with your sword

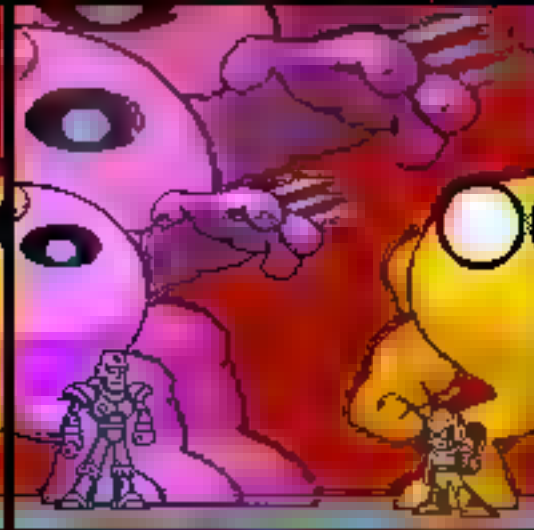
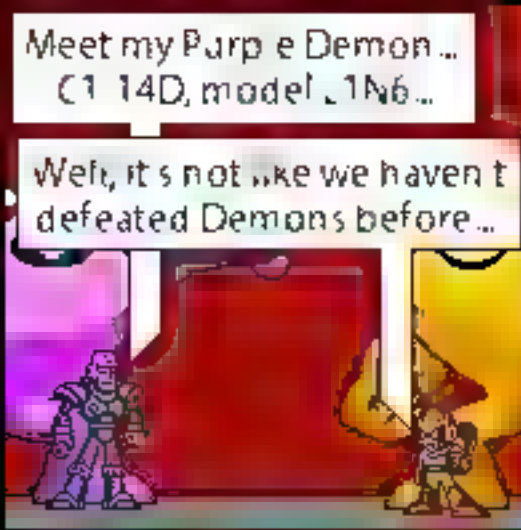
Oh? What's that?

It's a short range weapon









Hey, what's going on... on my god!

What the hell is that?



It's Chadling Apparently he's a Purple Demon

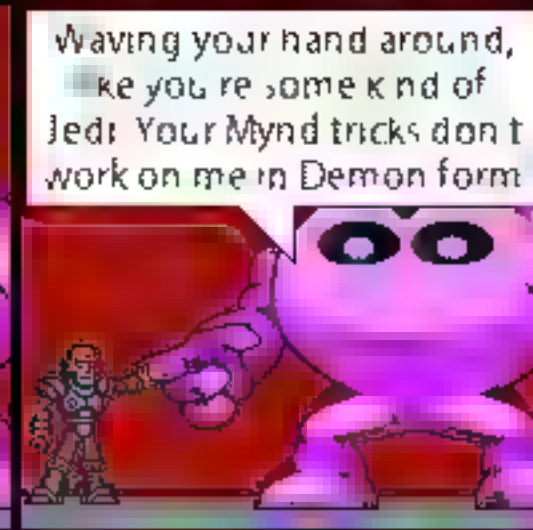
Hey, why's he lifting his foot like he's going to crush us?

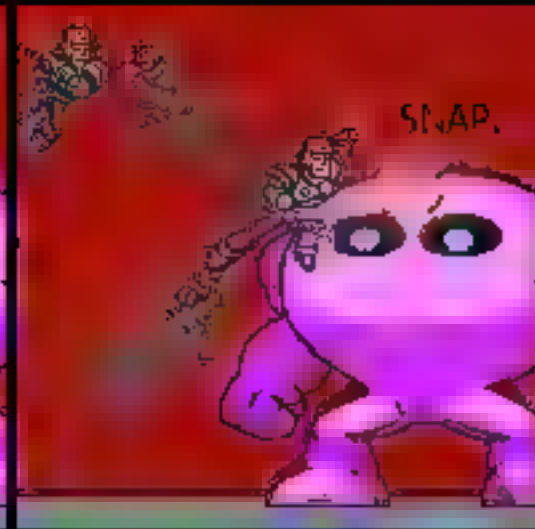


RUN AWAY!





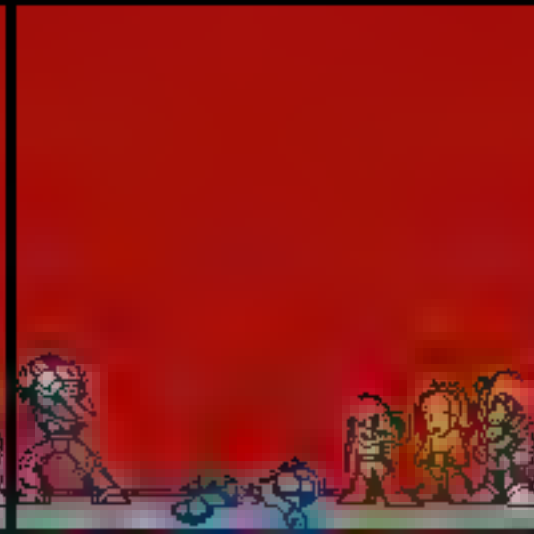
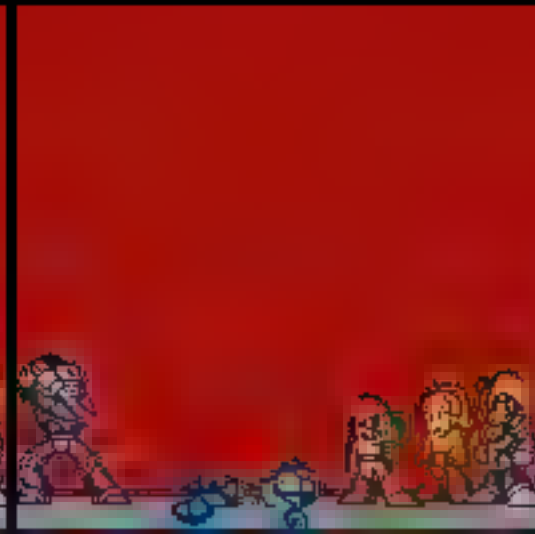
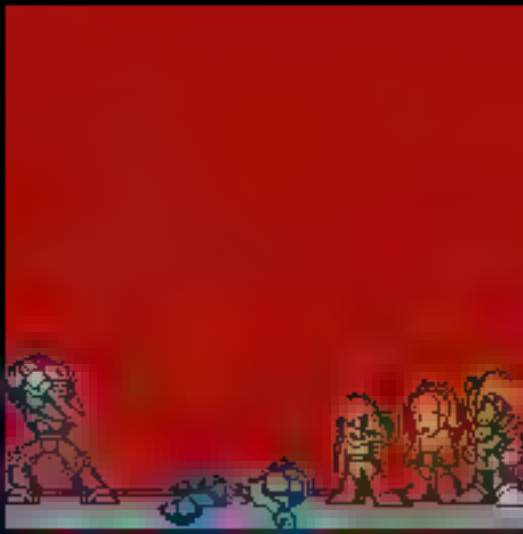




That's t! we had it  
with you Mynd First  
Nate, now Chad ing!  
I'm taking you down

if you th nk you  
can, be my guest







Mynd, you bastard ... kill  
you if it's the last thing I do

Proto Man, no

What?

You can't attack him  
head on. Look at what  
happened to Mega Man

The only way to defeat  
Mynd is to team up and  
attack him together

never thought I'd  
be saying this, but  
think Bass is right

What do you have in mind?

Well, as we've seen our blasters are ineffective against Mynd and a frontal attack has fatal consequence. So while Cal Treble and transform as a distraction, you two circle around behind him.



When I rush him, Roll, you slide in behind him, and Proto Man you drop from above. If it works we'll catch him by surprise, take him down, and disarm him. Without that beam, he'll be defenseless.

Okay now I'm scared



Hey Mynd Watch this

SCHOOOM!!

Am supposed  
to be impressed?

Well, yeah, that was  
kind of the point

Oh this is so frustrating  
I just know I could take  
Mynd myself I know it!

raffers

Sure, I might be trying  
but I'd take that bad  
son of a bitch with me!

thought  
bubbles

No... Bass and Ro are  
right There's no way  
I could stop him alone

what he's  
thinking

Wait a minute... when  
the hell did we start  
listening to Bass?

more  
thought  
bubbles

Shit, we're a  
going to die

thought  
bubbles



Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Seems a shame we never  
got to that story line where  
I fall in love with Bass...



ice cream  
containers

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Wait... when the hell did  
we start listening to Bass?



mostly  
empty  
though

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Shit, we're a  
going to die



shouldn't  
they be  
refrigerated?

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

Ind. trial  
Strength  
Ice  
Cream

empty  
thought  
bubble



I like ice cream

cause  
Bass is  
stupid



it's funny...  
laugh  
damm it



Hey are you going to  
attack anytime this year?

Wait... when the hell did  
they start listening to me?

← Mynd's over  
there waiting



Stop right there, Mynd.

Move it, loser.

Hey!

No one picks on  
my brother but me

Bob?

"s loser!"

oof!

tiny

Bob You're awake  
And you're...

Good God What  
happened to you?

if I'm still painted  
up from Halloween  
Rob's staying dead...





However this climactic battle will be pathetically short  
George can't use his blaster, but I have yours, and I just  
happen to be wearing my a-bestos undies today



KAZAPP!



Nice har

What?



Damn! I can't believe  
my attack had no effect  
What, that was your attack?



The final attack that's  
supposed to stop me?

Well, yeah... kinda...



I'm so disappointed  
You two aren't even  
worth knowing anymore



Now stand aside. I have  
better things to do with  
my time like K1 Dr. Light



Give it up, George  
Let's just go home



No. We can't let him win  
What will the fans say?



But George, he's just too  
powerful. What can we do?



I've got it! We'll use our  
**ULTIMATE ATTACK!**





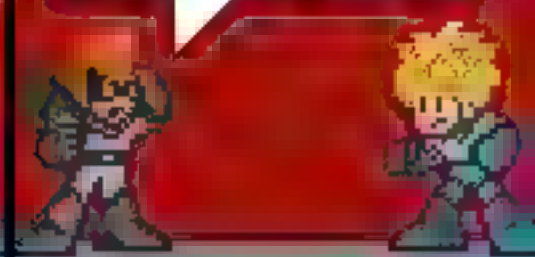
Look, crossing the streams would definitely kill Mynd,  
but it would also probably kill you, might kill me,  
and there's the possibility it could destroy this whole  
building killing Dr. Light in the process anyway.



I know, but we have to try!



This is so damn stupid



Fine, let's go I was  
tired of living anyway

Yay

**FWOOSH!**

...the hell?

Hold it right there, Mynd You may have defeated  
all who have stood before you in the past but you  
have never been faced with the combined might of

**BOB AND GEORGE!**

Mom? Mom. Is that you?

Yes Georgie-ple, it's me

Oh Mom... I had  
a horrible dream...

dream it was in the Megaman  
universe with Bob, and I met  
Mega Man and everyone, but  
then a bad guy named Mynd  
showed up and killed everyone.

It's okay now George.  
You're back in the good  
old hand drawn comic

Hand drawn comic?





Wait a minute... this  
doesn't make any sense  
How did I get here?



And why do I look like  
this? I don't remember  
looking like this...



It's a moment like this  
is a... just a bad...



...dream...





Whoa... my head...  
Where am I?

Oh, there you are I'm  
glad to see you're awake

Dr. Light?

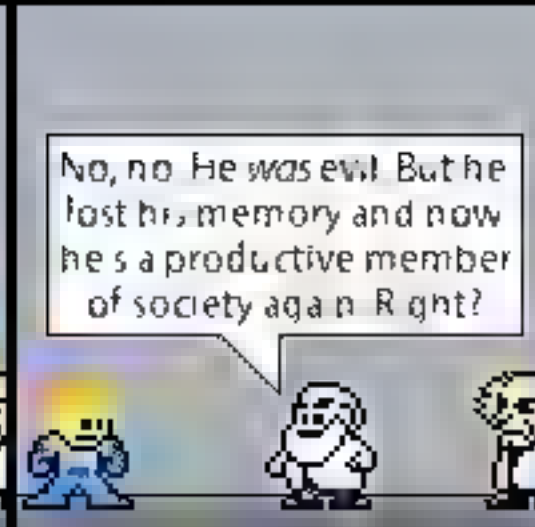
Yes, I'm Dr. Light  
Do you know me?

Of course, it's me, George

Hmm... I don't think I know  
anyone named George

Ah, Bert, do you know  
anyone named George?

And then I'll destroy... er  
nope, can't say that do



So, you're trusting a man who's already betrayed you once and tried to take over the world twice, just because he claims to have amnesia?

Yes, pretty much



Arggh Am the only one with any common sense around here?!

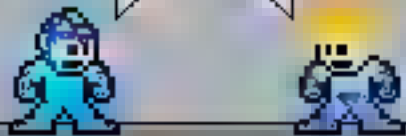


Don't feel too bad about it. They don't listen to me anymore either.



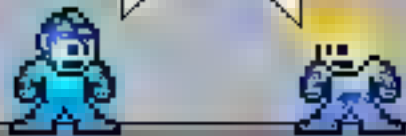
Mega Man! You're alive

Of course I am. You seem to have me confused with a different Mega Man

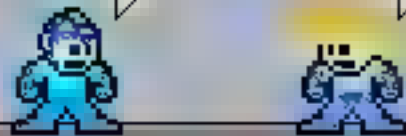


What?

Here, let me explain to you what all the readers have already figured out



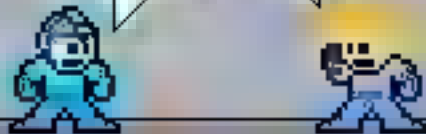
Somehow you've been thrust back in time, probably due to a massive explosion, and right now you're witnessing the events directly prior to the third Megaman game



What?

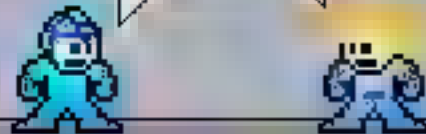
So you're saying I'm somehow stuck in the past right before the third Megaman game?

Yes.



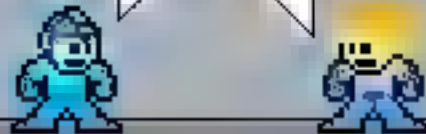
And you, Mega Man, are the only other person that realizes what's really going on around here?

Exactly.

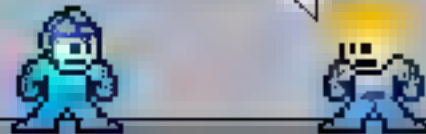


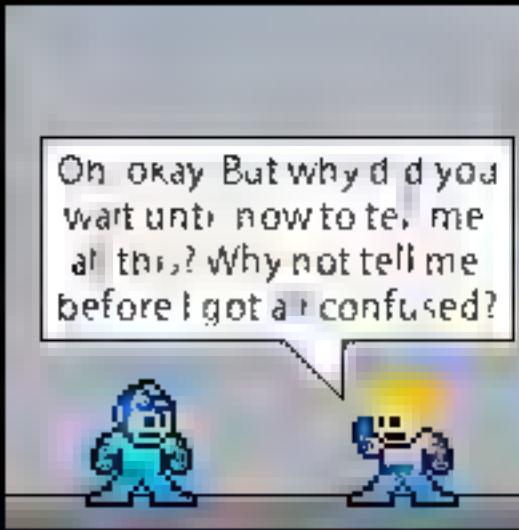
But how could you possibly realize that?

Oh come on! It's Dr. Wily. What kind of moron couldn't realize it?



Okay, who are you and what have you done with the real Mega Man?







# Happy

This punch tastes funny...



Meet my date  
Maverick Megami

Why do fee  
so disturbed?



Heh, nyu  
and stuff



Dr...light, I'm no expert but  
think something's wrong

Hey! Do I tell you  
how to do your job?



Aren't you people worried  
about my mental state yet?



Alright, who's been  
drinking Chad'ing?

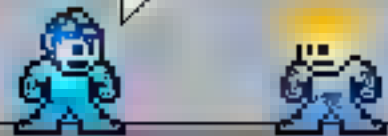


# New



# Year!

Well, that was the ten-cent tour. The old ab won't change much in the coming years, will it?

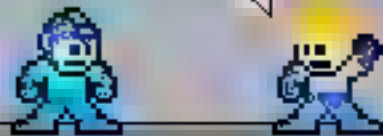


Well, there is one big difference

Oh, what's that?



The giant robot in the corner



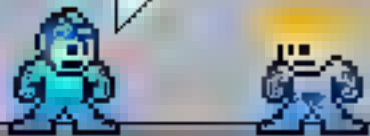
Oh, yeah... him



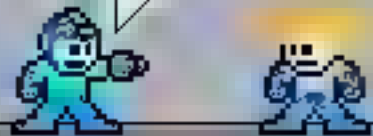
You see Dr Light and Dr  
Wily have teamed up, and  
they've designed a giant  
robot named Gamma



Gamma is supposed to  
be so powerful that no  
one would ever think of  
doing evil every again

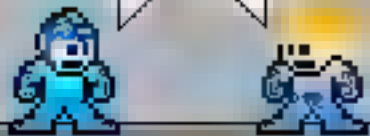


But I say what do they  
need a giant robot for  
when they have me?



Yeah, but Dr Wily can't  
use you to try to take  
over the world later

Good point



Well, I wouldn't worry too much about Gamma, Mega Man. After Dr. Wily steals him to take over the world you'll end up destroying him anyway.

Oh, that's a relief. I'd hate to lose my job...



Wait a minute...

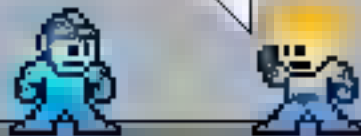
Hello? I'm from the future, remember?



With your knowledge of the future, we could stop Dr. Wily's evil plans before they ever start!



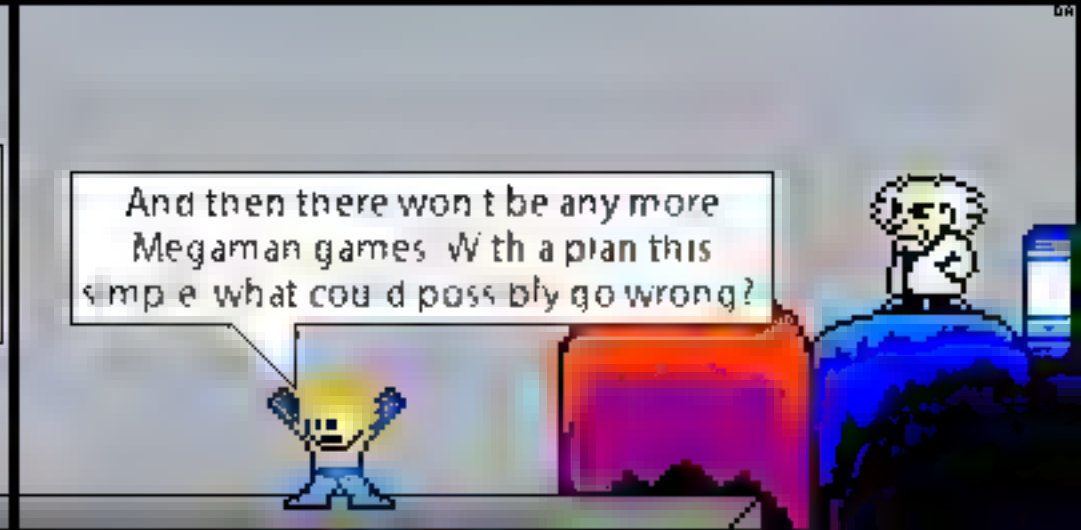
But wouldn't that end up changing the future, in which case my knowledge is no longer any good?




Ask me if I care


On, all right you talked me into it









Oh my god... did I, just  
do what I think I did?



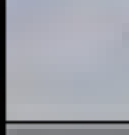
Yes, yes you did. Rather  
ironic that I'm the one  
to catch you, isn't it?



Yeah, I feel really stupid...  
do you feel this way every  
time it happens to you?



I take that  
as a yes...



Just shut up  
and get in the  
saucer before  
I must zap you.

Dr. Light

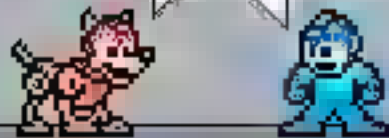
On Mega Man, just the robot, wanted to see

Behold! My greatest invention! Rush, the robotic dog!!

What? A robotic dog? What's so great about that? Does it transform or something?

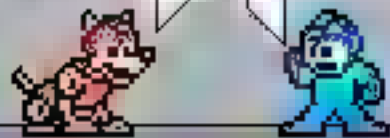
A transforming robot dog? Of course! Absolutely brilliant!





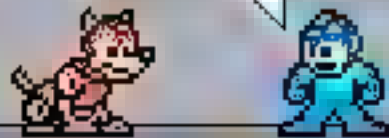
So, you're my  
new dog huh?

Yeah, I guess so

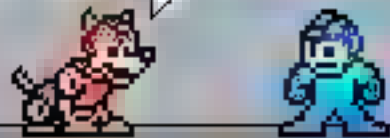


Whoa! You can talk?

Sure, why not? I mean  
I am a robotic dog



Oh, well, in that case,  
we've always wondered  
why do dogs smell  
other dogs' butts?



Butts smell nice

Dr. Light, I need to talk  
to you about Dr. Wily and  
that guy from the future

Oh? What is it?

This George-guy says  
that Dr. Wily is still evil  
and going to try to take  
over the world again

What? Dr. Wily? The man  
who's already tried to  
take it over twice and  
I know that because he  
came to have amnesia?

Utter nonsense

Look, we shall settle this once and for all!

Dr Wily!



Yes?

Are you evil and still planning on taking over the world?



Certainly not And I definitely haven't kidnapped George

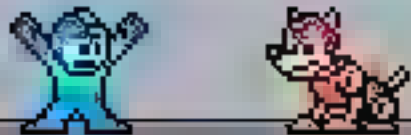


You see?

Dr. Dense...

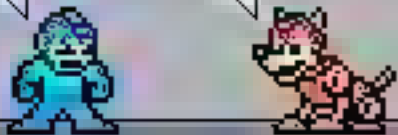


This is just great! Dr. Wily's  
going to betray us and  
Dr. Light won't see it!

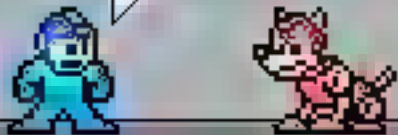


What am I gonna do?

Don't look at me, I'm  
just a talking robot dog



This is awful! There's no  
way it could get any worse



Elsewhere...

Ack. This stupid beeper!  
Why does Dr. Wily make  
me carry it around anyway?



Dr. Why you called?

Yes need you to watch over a prisoner for me

What? Why?

Because I need someone to watch him while I continue my ruse at Dr. Light's lab

So who's the prisoner?

Some guy named George  
He came from the future and has knowledge about all my evil plans

But who doesn't have knowledge about your evil plans? You tell everyone!

Shut up and do your job

Man, of all the  
lousy stupid jobs...

Proto Man?



What? Oh what, I mean  
er, um, Proto Man?  
Never heard of him...

What? What's  
wrong with you?



Oh yeah, I'm definitely not  
Proto Man I'm Break Man...

How stupid do  
you think I am?



See, I even have a little  
mark here Does Proto  
Man have a mark? Huh?

Oh, well in that case...  
you're a moron



Fine... I admit it. I'm  
actually Proto Man.

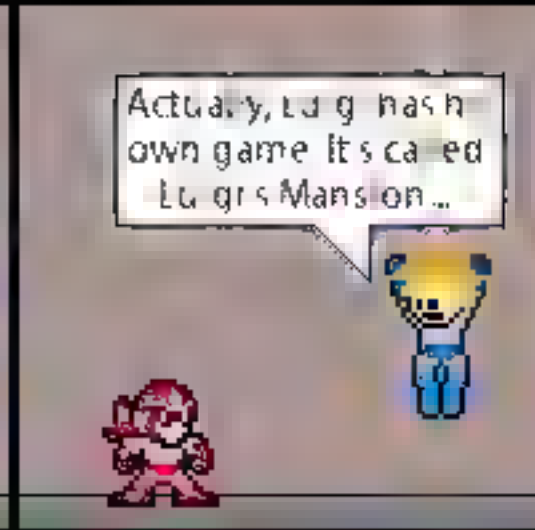
Duh...

After hearing that Dr. Wily  
and Dr. Light had teamed  
up again, I had to find out  
what was really going on.

When I found out Dr. Wily  
was still evil, I infiltrated his  
fortress by pretending  
that I wanted to join him.

He's not very bright, is he?

How many more  
games are there?





George, I tried to talk  
to Dr Light, but he...



George?



Sh.t



Dr Light George  
has disappeared




know Dr Whyte is me  
George has turned evil

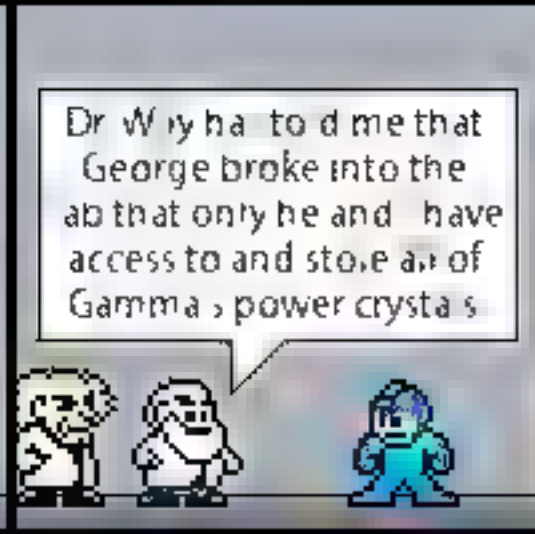


Sh.t

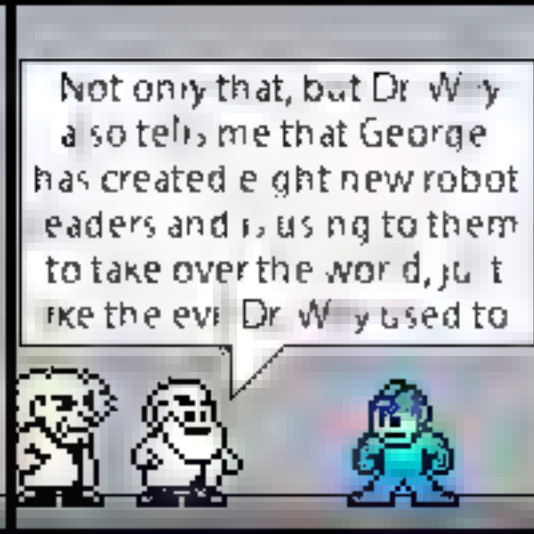


A comic strip panel showing three pixelated characters: a blonde boy on the left, a white bearded man in the center, and a blue robot on the right. The robot is speaking.


What do you mean  
he's turned evil?!

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The blue robot is speaking.

Dr. Why has told me that  
George broke into the  
lab that only he and I have  
access to and stole all of  
Gamma's power crystals.

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The blue robot is speaking.

Not only that, but Dr. Why  
also tells me that George  
has created eight new robot  
readers and is using them  
to take over the world, just  
like the evil Dr. Why used to.

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The blue robot is speaking.

That has got to  
be the stupidest...  
Do you even think  
about what you  
say anymore?

LOOK, your new mission  
is to go out and stop the  
new robots and get back  
Gamma's power crystals



And after I've done that,  
I suppose Dr. Wily will  
finally reveal his evil plans?



Oh no, I won't be  
ready by then



Er, I mean... um... what?



This sucks Dr. Light's  
mad at me, Dr. Wily, evil  
and now, have to fight a  
bunch of stupid robots



Well, at least  
have you  
right Rush?



Rush?



I must be the  
most pitiful  
creature in  
existence...



No body knows..  
the trouble we've seen ..



Alright Dr. Light I'm off to stop the evil robots. Got any nifty gadgets for me?

Yes, I've enhanced Rush. He can't talk anymore, but now he can transform!

Oh that's cool, I guess. What can he transform into? A jet? A big friggin' gun? Or maybe just a huge nuclear bomb?

spring

A spring

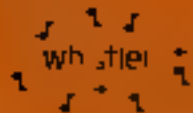
What?!

Oh, and gave you the ability to slide while you were sleeping

Wait a minute! Not only did you screw up Rush, but you installed a gay-ass slide in me?! Not something useful like ducking but a goddamn slide?

Well, yes...

That's it I'm leaving. I'll go take out my frustration on some pathetic robots



Hmm.. these stupid robots  
aren't nearly as tough as  
I thought they'd be...



bi pi

bi pi

bi pi



What the hell?!



Greetings Mega Man  
My name is Break Man  
I've been sent to kill you



That's fine, but what's  
with that stupid whistle?

No messing the whistle



So who sent you? It  
was Dr Wily, wasn't it?



I'm not supposed to  
tell you, but I'd be  
lying if I said it wasn't



BLAM!!



What's wrong with you?  
I know Dr. Light pro-  
grammed you to fight  
better than this

I refuse to do  
that stupid side



Mega Man you must side  
f you want to defeat me

But I don't want to  
side it's stupid!



Besides why do you  
care whether or not  
I defeat you?!



Because Mega Man...  
I AM YOUR BROTHER



NOOOOOOOOO!!!

Like this wasn't a  
totally obvious joke.





Fine If you won't fight properly, I'm leaving



bi p!



Um, okay... That was easier than thought it'd be...



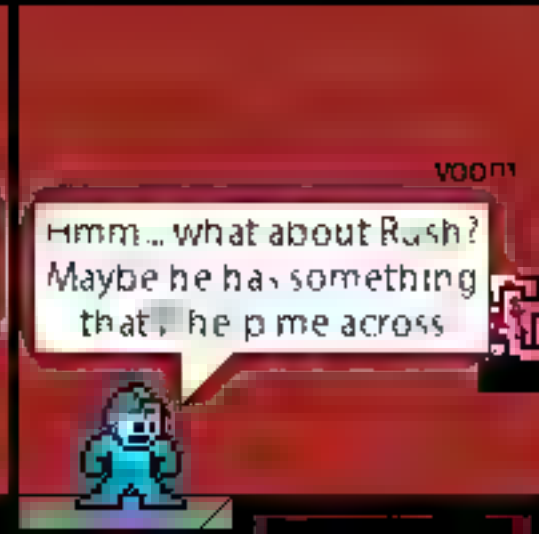
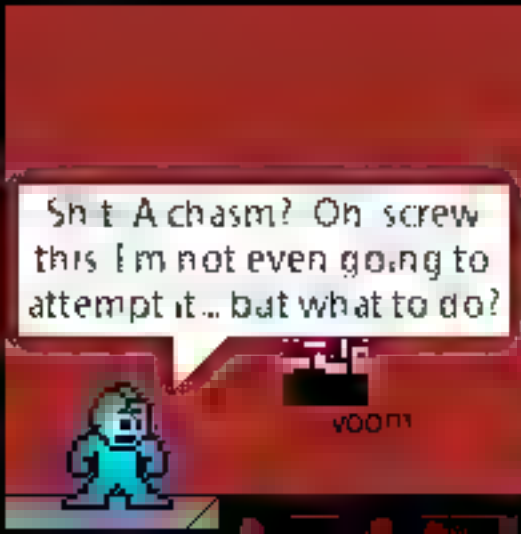
Hmm... what do we have here? Rapidly disappearing and reappearing blocks?

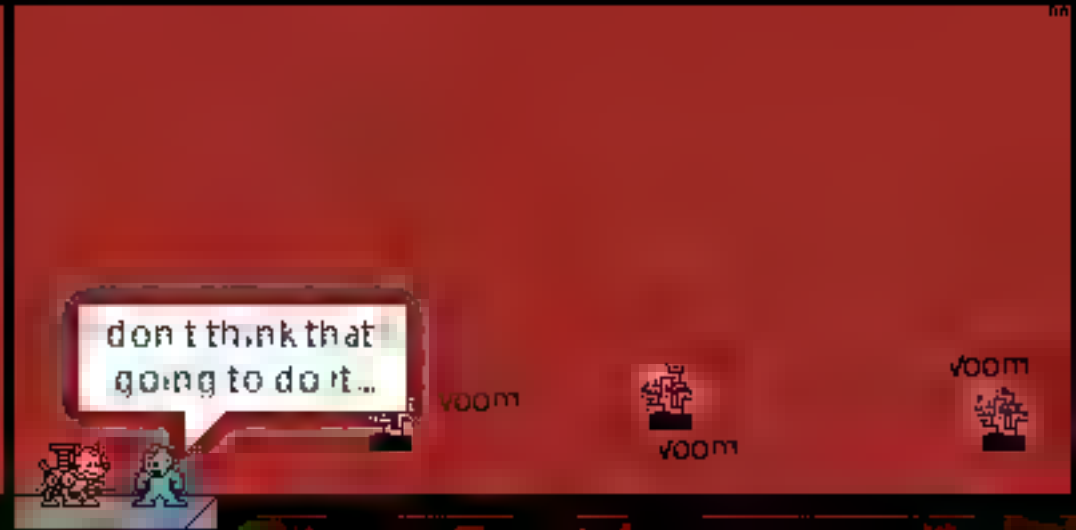
On . . . see Ah! I have to do is time my jumps to coincide with the appearance of a block, and use that to get to the next block. Simple

Though, why do I have the sneaking suspicion that these timing puzzles are not my forte?

God damn it

Several hours later...





Okay, let's see what we have here... can get rid of this stupid printing.. and reactivate the voice synthesizer..



voom

Hmm... what's this? Looks like components of a jet modification. If connect this here and put this over here. That's it. Now Rush can transform into a jet.



Wait... do you realize what this means? I've improved on my creator's design! I can cleanse the Earth of the filthy humans and create a robot utopia!

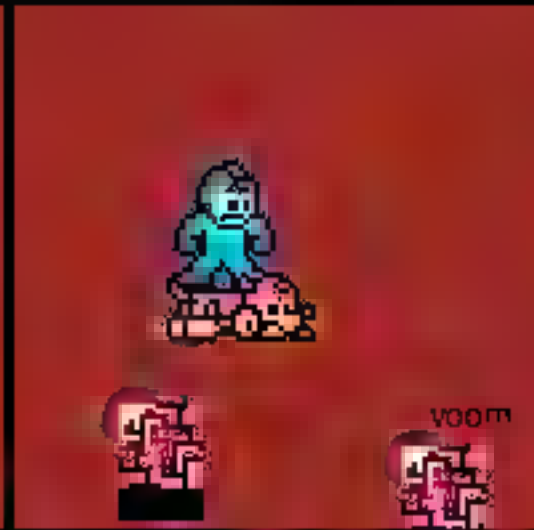
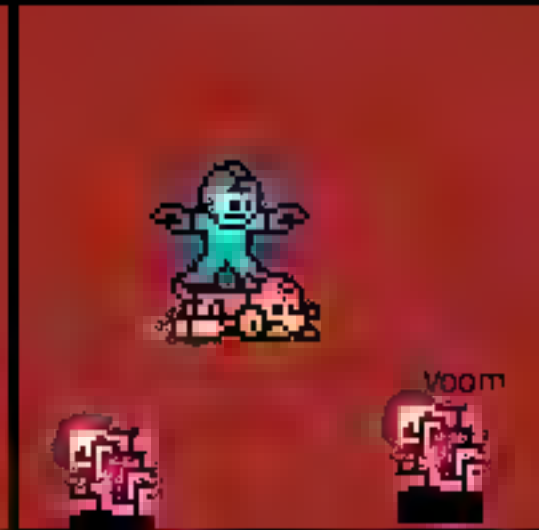


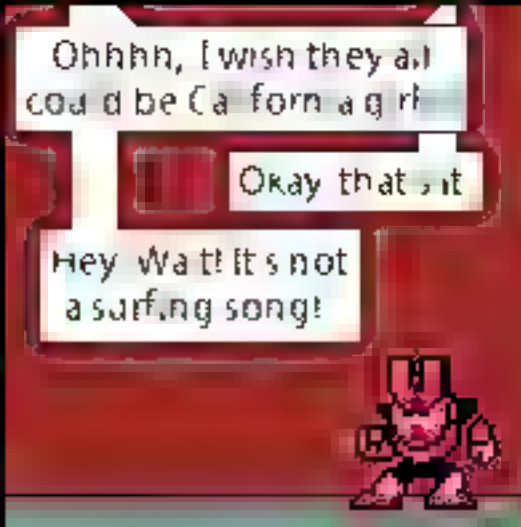
voom

Then who would give us ice cream?

Oh good point, Nevermind then.







So you're Magnet Man,  
huh? One of the robots  
I'm supposed to destroy?

Yes, but I prefer to be  
called Magnet Ninja!



hryah.



hoah.



The things I'm  
subjected to...



Weeyah.



This is so stupid  
I'm leaving

No! You can't leave  
I still have to fight  
you to the death!



Oh yeah? I like to  
see you try to stop me



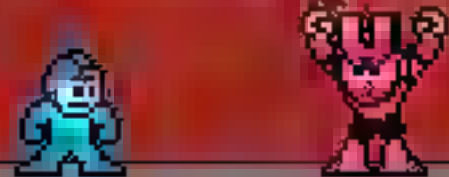
Magnet Powers Activate



Oh my, Constipation  
Boy is so showing me...



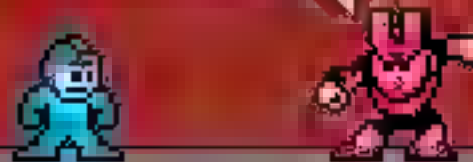
Aha made you  
come back using my  
awesome Ninjas  
Skills



Ninjas? I'm made of  
metal and you're a giant  
magnet, you moron

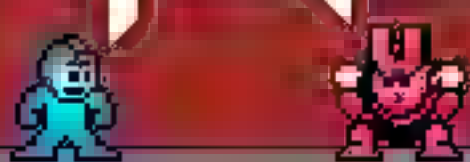


Shut up just because  
I'm not a real nin, a yet  
like Shadow Man doesn't  
mean that I can't kill you



Oh yeah? How?

With my ultra super  
Magnet Missile Attack.



Oooh... your ultra-super  
Magnet Missile Attack.  
make, so totally scared



swish



swish



Oh no What will I do?



clang!  
clang



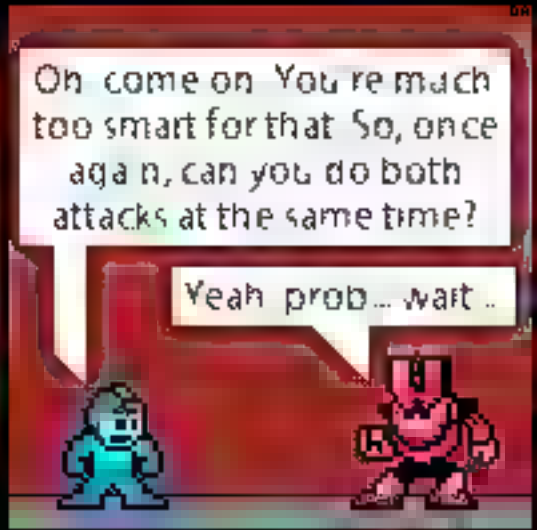
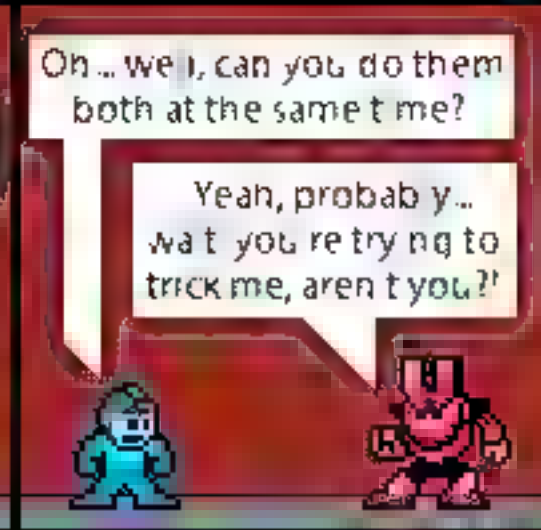
BLAMMO!!



Ow... Sarcasm doesn't  
seem to work on you...

Nah, I am impervious  
to such things

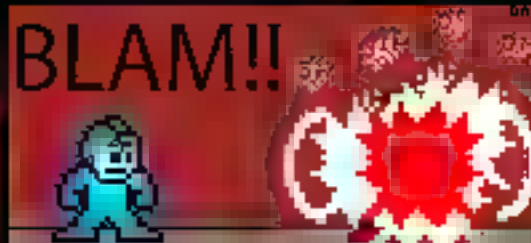
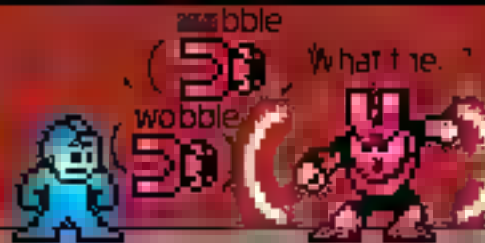




Damn it, know you're trying to trick me!

Alright I admit it  
But I'm using reverse psychology on you

Aha That means you really want me to not use both my attacks at the same time And now you die!

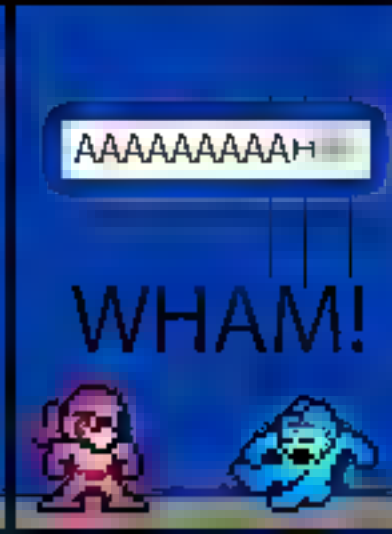
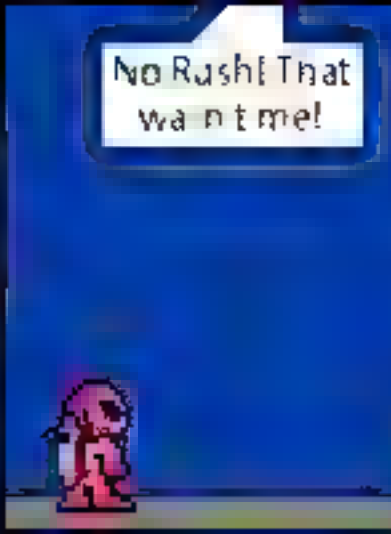
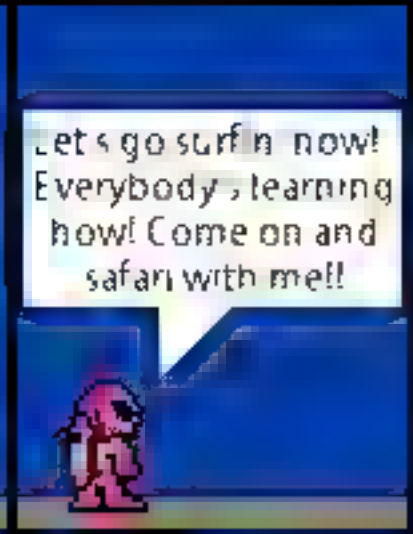
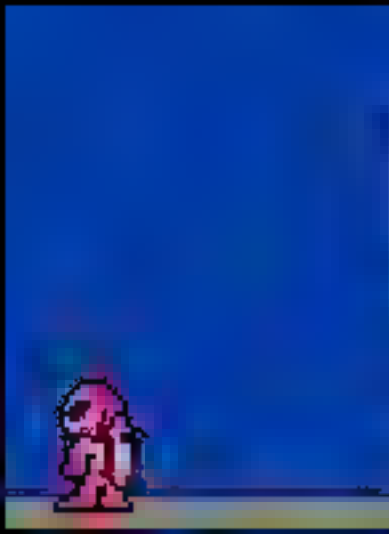


It's the irony that gets me

sizzle

OW...





So, Break Man what...

What are you doing?

Huh? I'm standing up

That's what that  
sprite is? It's awful

I know, but it's a... have

Say aren't we a bit far into  
the comic to still be making  
fun of the awful sprites?

Probably but along the  
same thinking, aren't we  
too far along to still be  
making fun of the Author  
for making bad sprites?

You might have  
a point there

Stop complaining  
and get back to work

Oh now that's really odd...

Totally unoriginal



So, Break Man what are you doing here? What happened to your "Don't kill an unworthy opponent" philosophy?



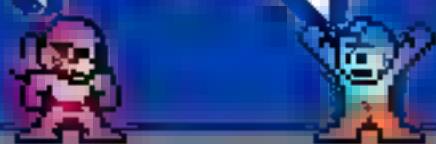
Well, I figured, just this once, what the hell!

Aha But I'm not totally defenseless now!



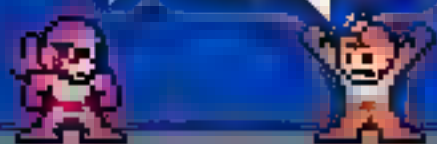
Ready? Did you finally master the side technique?

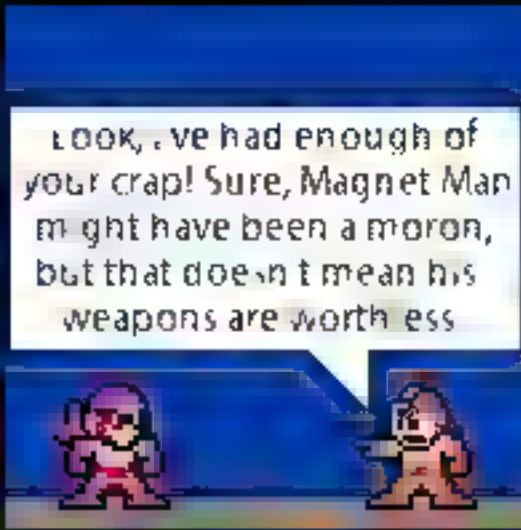
Screw that! I have magnet missiles!




So you're carrying around weapons you got from and ot with a giant magnet attached to his brain?


Um... maybe...









You may have won this round, but I'll be back!




Well, now that that's over, let's see about the next robot leader.



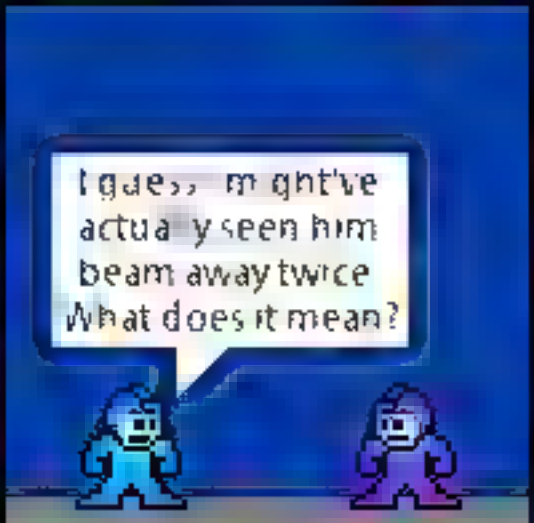
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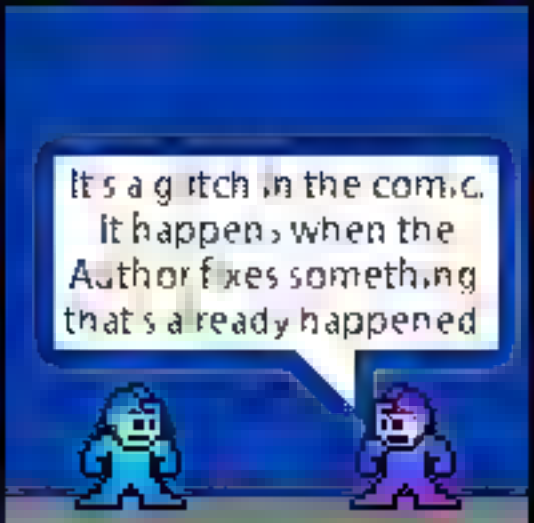
What was that? Déjà vu?




How similar was it? Was it déjà vu or did you really see Break Man beam away twice?



I guess, might've actually seen him beam away twice. What does it mean?



It's a glitch in the comic. It happens when the Author fixes something that's already happened.



You mean he was fixing potholes?



Exactly.

We I, that was certainly  
weird I wonder who  
that purple guy was

Hold t:

Whoa Who are you?

m the next Robot  
Master, Hard Man

Wrk

Are you okay?

Too many... sexually  
suggestive... insults...  
can't... handle it...

Sexually suggestive?  
What do you mean?

Well, you know,  
"Hard Man"...

Yeah, that's my name. So?



Well, what's your  
main weapon?

I shoot my fist at people.

So you fist people?



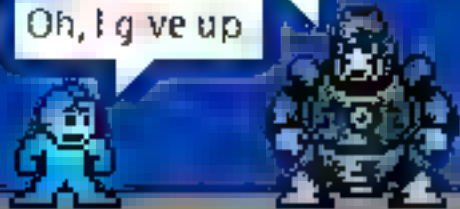
Well, yeah, I suppose you  
could look at it that way.

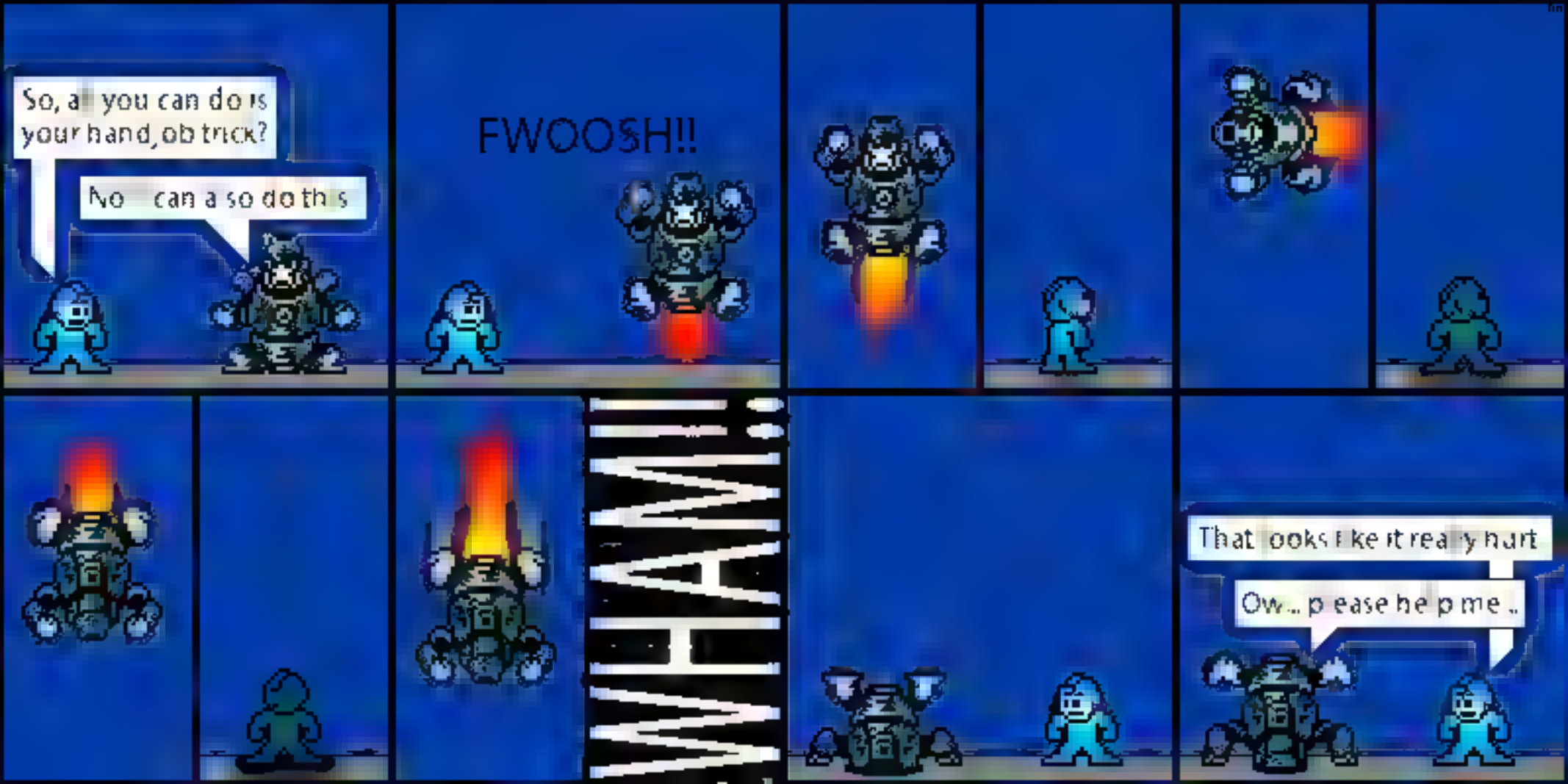
Jesus you're dense.



Yes, I'm made of a  
high density alloy.

Oh, I give up.





So, all you can do is your hand, ob-trick?

No... can a so do this

FWOOOSH!!

WHAAM!!

That looks like it really hurt

Ow... please help me..

So um are you  
going to help me?

Nope

WOOOSH

Crackle!

ZAP!!

Sizzle!

me! burnt toast



Meanwhile...

We l, here we are  
and everything s  
back to norma



Isn't that an oxymoron  
in the comic strip?

Hmm... good point  
Okay it's as normal  
as the comic gets



Yup Though, it's a  
shame Bob and George  
got vaporized in their  
final attack against Mynd



What?

Yeah, didn't you notice  
the giant smoking crater  
in what's left of the west  
wing of the laboratory?





Well yeah... but  
I just thought that  
was Mega Man's fault

Not this time



According to the lab sensors, Bob and George  
had a final showdown with Mynd there and  
the final attack vaporized all three of them  
and nearly destroyed the entire lab too



Then what about  
the smoking crater  
in the east wing?

Oh, that one's  
Mega Man's fault



Let's see, according to this map this is supposed to be Top Man's level... but where's the Top Man?



WHOOOSH!

Weeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee



CRASH!!



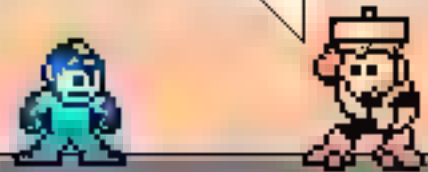
Seriously who thinks up these bosses?

Don't worry...  
I'm okay





So, Mega Man why are you here. You're not just visiting little ole me are you?



I'm here to kill you and take the Power Crystal you have

Kill me? Why don't I just give it to you?



What? What you're just going to give it to me?



Oh you're so cute when you're confused I think I wanna take you home with me



Wait a minute... are you...?

What? Gay? Queer?  
A fruit? Homosexual?  
Why yes, yes I am. Do you  
have a problem with that?



But you can't be gay  
This game was made in  
1990, and there were no  
gay people back then!



What? Yes there were!  
We just aren't as out-  
spoken as we will be by  
the end of the century!



Besides, it's technically  
20XX, and I bet there are  
lots of gay people now

But, but... but gay  
people are 'icky'!



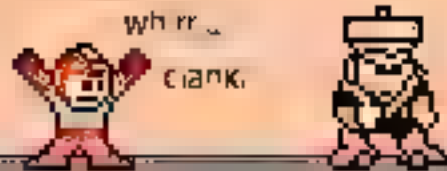
Icky? I'm icky because my sexual preference doesn't fit with your limited view of the world? I don't want to play with you anymore!



Yeah, well, let's see how your metal ass likes a taste of my EMP, bitch!



CLICK...  
Whrr...  
Whrr...  
CLANK!



Oh crap... I seem to have burned it out

Hmph... Not another man that can't perform



Fine, if my EMP won't work, I'll just use my flying fist, ob attack.

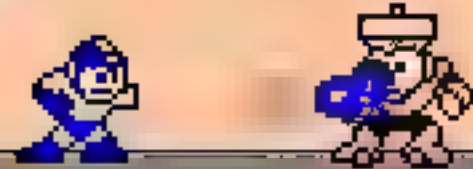


BLAM!

What?



SLAP!



Oh You did not just do that!

Um I'm not really sure what I just did







Listen Top Man, you can't  
beat the crap out of every  
homophobe you meet

Why not?

Because then you're  
no better than they are  
You're hurting someone  
just because your beliefs  
differ from theirs

But they're... they're  
just so stupid!

I know, but they have  
a right to their own  
opinions, no matter how  
bigoted they might be

Damn you and your  
sensible arguments  
But what... do now?

We... know this great  
bar in San Francisco...

Say, what's your name anyway?

Oh I'm Bob I'm from an alternate dimension

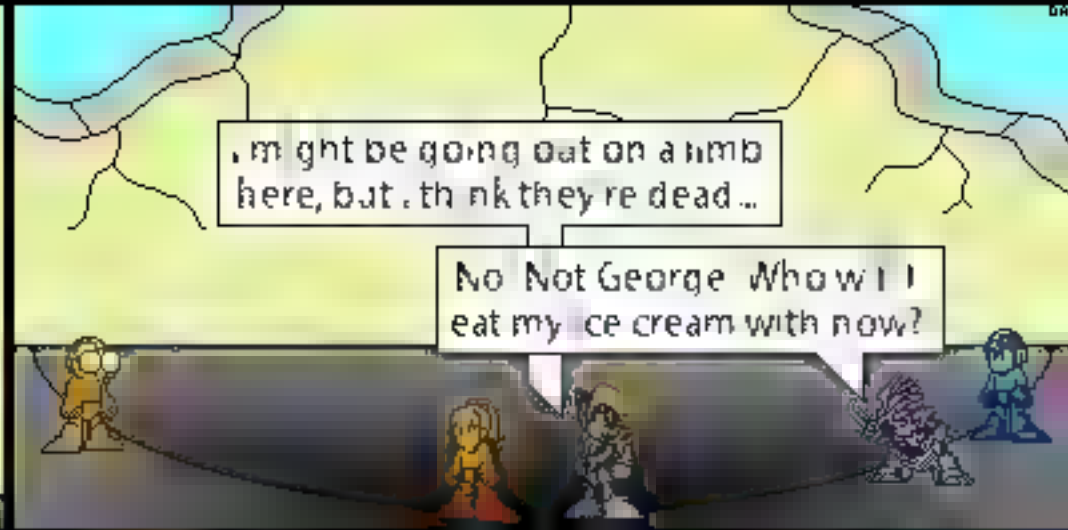
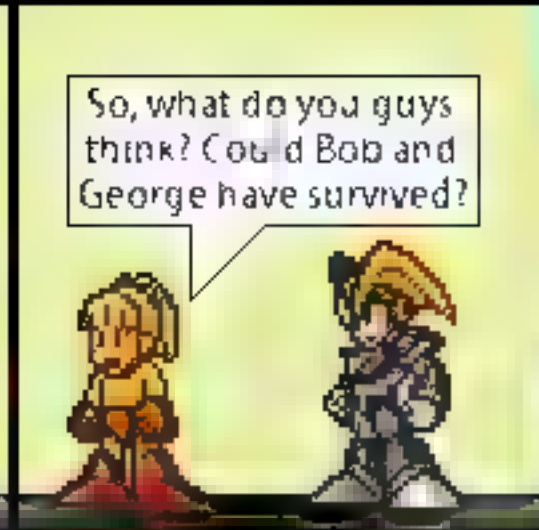
Cool

And so our little morality tale ends with the departure of Top Man and Alternate Bob

Did we all earn a little something while being entertained and probably offended?

Huh? What? Did I win?

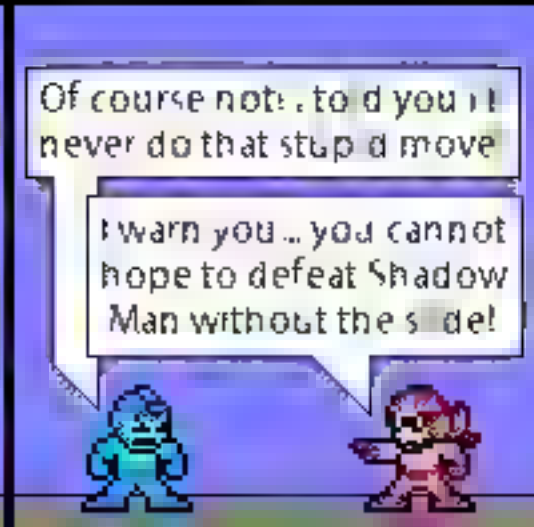
We all won today you little fag hater



can't believe they're really dead...

Oh please! it's obvious from the dispersion pattern of the surrounding tachyon particles, that they were violently thrust through time, not vaporized

Er, um, I mean, what?





LOOK, I don't have  
to do the side



know Top Spin ...

Show me...



Hyannnn...ann! ...ann.



...a... ah... Wah



Oh yeah, that's gonna  
work real well against  
Shadow Man. Heh, I'm  
quaking in my boots

Whoa...



That's it, I don't have to take this from you! I'll show you that I can stop Shadow Man without the stupid side!

Mega Man Shadow Man  
is the other way

knew that... erk.

Now, to kick this  
Shadow Man's ass...



Whoa who turned  
out the lights?!

Sorry, I just got a  
dimmer installed  
and it's a bit touchy.

Cool, I'm just a pair of  
growing floating eyeballs



There, that's better.

Hey! Who said that?

I am the one who  
haunts your dreams.

Dr. Wuffy?

No.

My long lost brother?

No.

Santa Claus?

No!

The milkman?

What?!

Oh, I know. My  
old scout leader.

No! I'm Shadow Man!

What? You're not  
in my dreams.

And now I'm very  
thankful for that.

So, um, why are  
we just standing  
around in the dark



Have your eyes adjusted  
to the darkness yet?

A moment, why

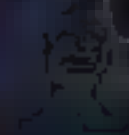


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Ah My eyes  
You bastard



Mee hee hee...

You may think you're  
unstoppable in the  
darkness, but I have  
a secret weapon!

click!

Aha! Fear  
my eyebeams!

Hiss!

CRASH!

Mee hee hee...

OW! My eye  
You asshole!

Sheesh, some kinda  
ninja you are hiding  
in the darkness!

Ah, and you think you  
could defeat me if the  
lights were on?

Of course could

nyls ble and  
c ng ng to  
the cei ng



That's odd... I don't see  
him, but then why's my  
spider sense still tingling?



Mega Man...

Where are you?

I'm all around you...



Then why can't I see you?

Because I am Shadow Man  
I can exist in the shadows...



But the lights are on  
There aren't any shadows

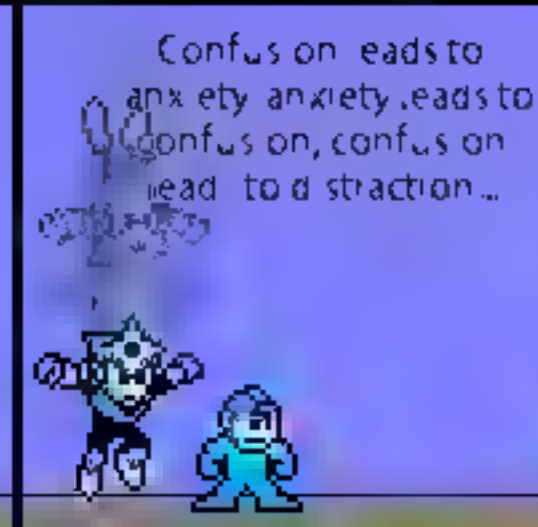
A true ninja can hide in the  
shadows of bright light...



What? Now you're not  
making any sense!

That is the price you pay  
for playing Monopoly with  
an eskimo of the night...



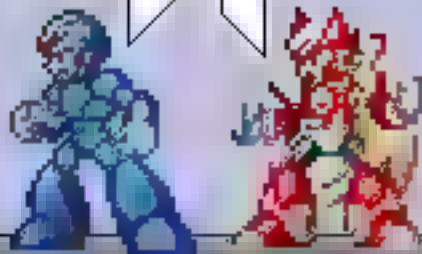


Meanwhile...

In an attempt  
to change  
gears a bit...

Whoa Who, that?

dunno... He look  
like a Reploid



A Reploid? No way, he  
looks older than that  
His sunglasses remind  
me of Prometheus



Don't worry, whoever  
you are we'll have  
you fixed up in a bit





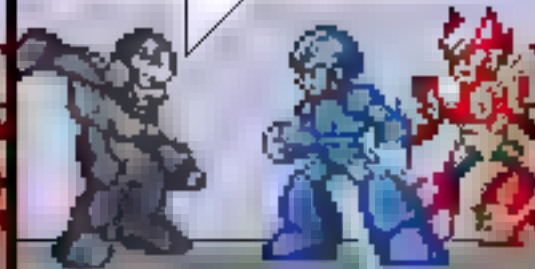


You know he kinda looks  
like that Proto Man guy

The future? You mean  
you're from the past?



Actually I'm also from an  
alternate dimension, but  
no one seems to care  
about that anymore



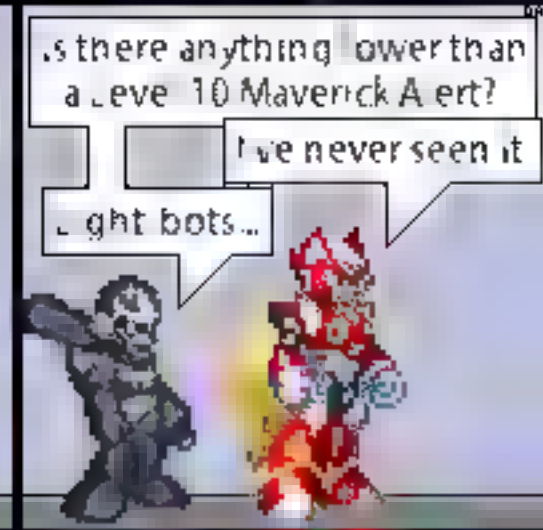
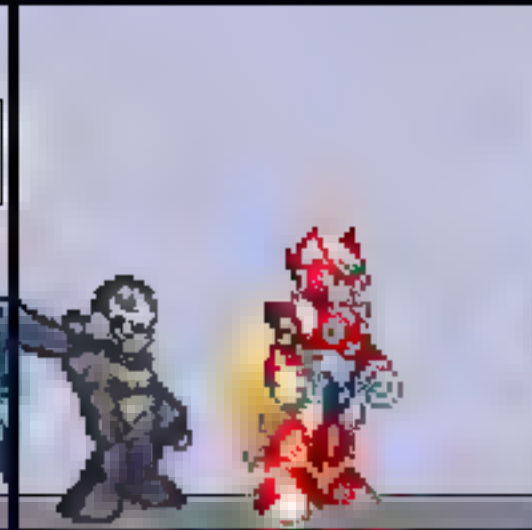
You know, you don't  
look like any Reploid  
I've ever seen before

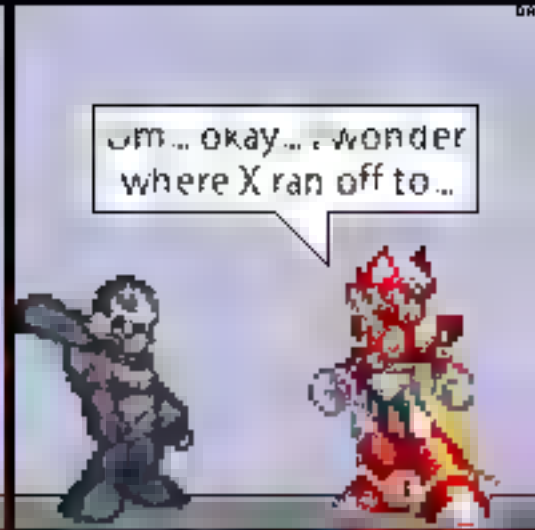
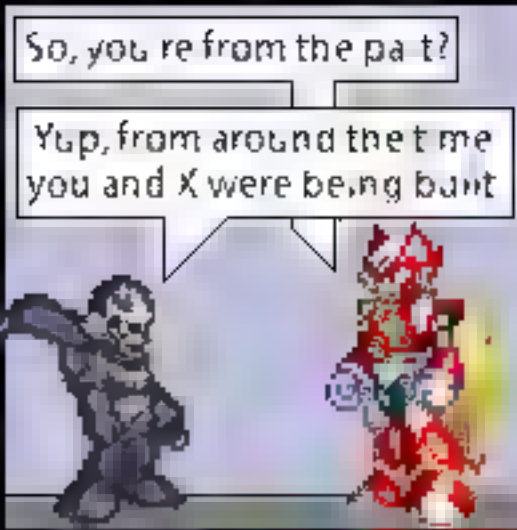
That's because I'm  
human Braniac.




Wait A human from  
another dimension who  
looks like a gray Proto  
Man! You're... you're Bob









You know, Bob, you  
look kinda fuzzy

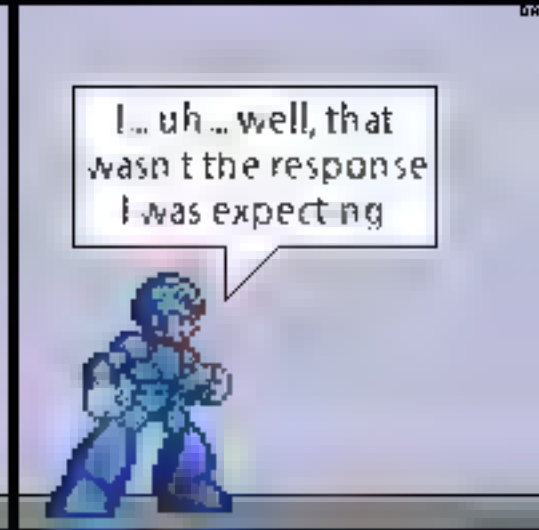
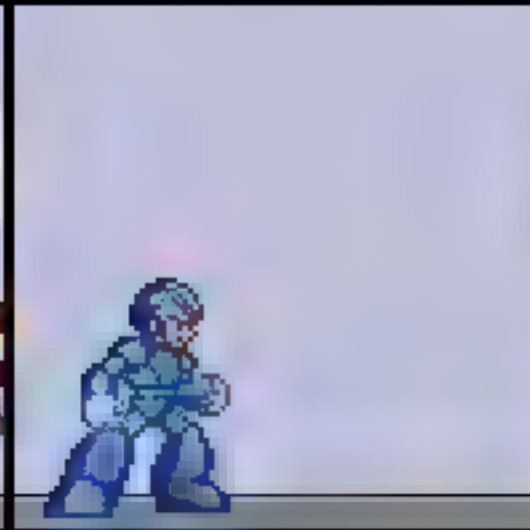
You don't say

I wonder if it's caused  
by the same thing that  
made X and I fuzzy when  
we visited the past

believe so I call it the  
"Author is Ana. about  
Proportions" Effect

Looks to me like  
someone doesn't  
want to go home  
for a long time

Bite me



Hey guys do you have  
any idea why Prometheus  
would lock himself  
in the bathroom?



He what?

He just ran in there,  
yelling something about  
paradoxes or something



Oh sure, blame  
the time traveler



Hey, Prometheus,  
are you in there?

Zero, is that you?  
Is Bob with you?

Yeah, he's right...

I'm not coming out  
while he's here!

What did you do to him?

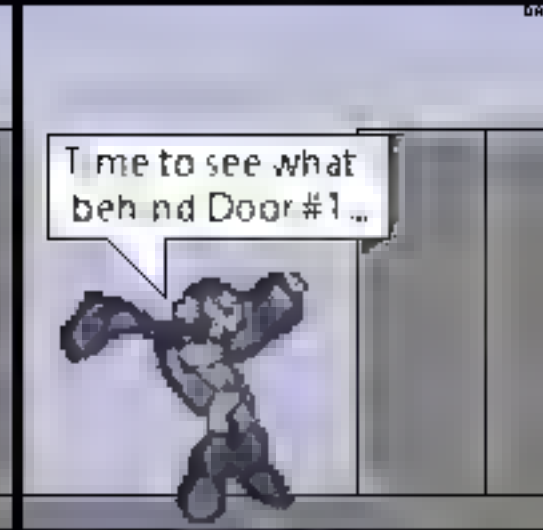
Nothing... don't even  
know who he is!

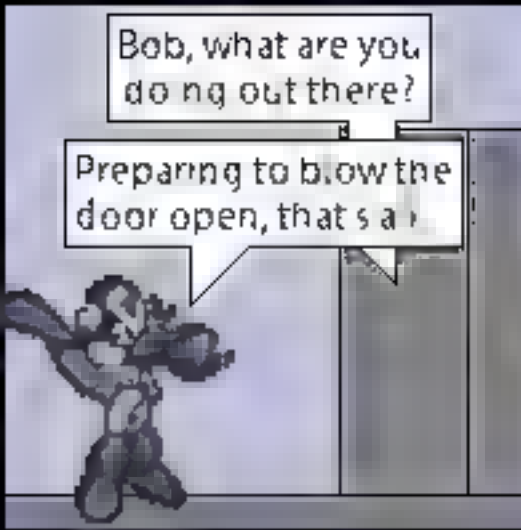
Hey!... I get the door open

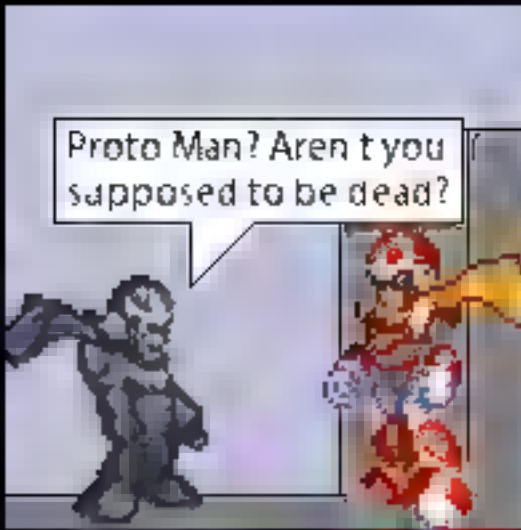
Though, he does  
sound familiar...



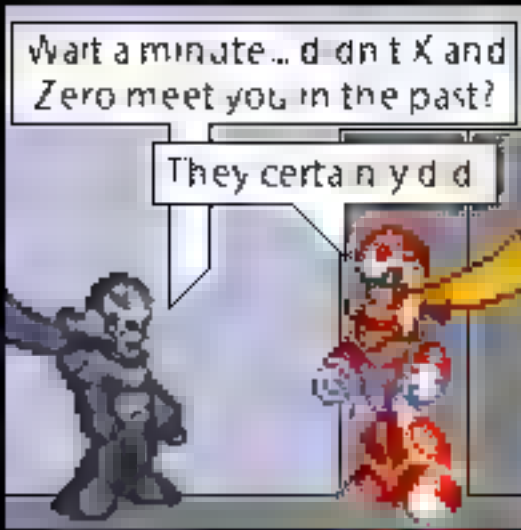




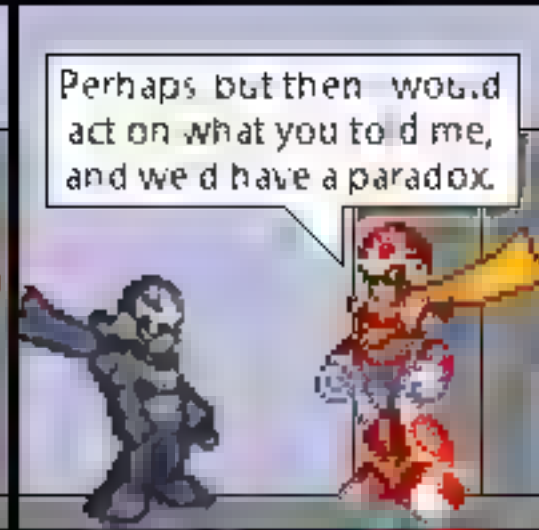








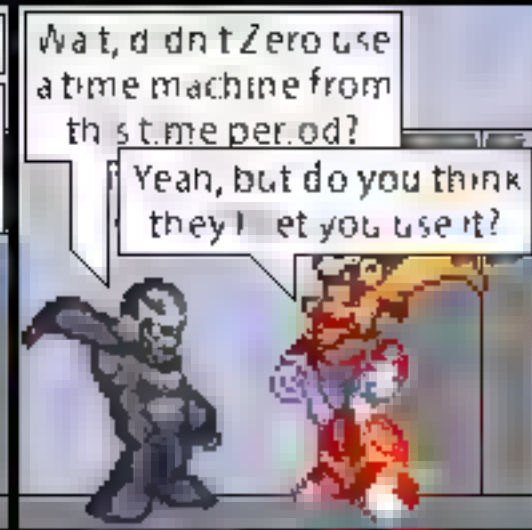












And now Mega  
Man you die!

Hold it right there!

What? Who are you?

I'm Bob and I won't...  
wait that's Mega Man

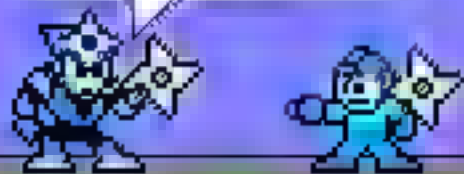
Yeah...

Oh, sorry, my mistake Say,  
have you seen a guy named  
George around here?

Try Dr. Wily's lab

Okay thanks  
Please carry on

And now you... Hey  
How'd you wake up?



That convenient pause was  
just long enough for me  
to regain consciousness



And what makes you think  
you have a better chance  
of defeating me now  
that you're conscious?



You have a point,  
but doesn't it always  
work for the good  
guys in the movies?



Um, what's happening  
to your outfit?



don't know Perhaps the  
Shadow Blade imbedded  
in the back of my skull is  
shorting out my weapon  
transformation mode



Well, let's just hope  
it doesn't end on a  
crappy weapon right?



Aw crap You just had  
to say that, didn't you?



Great, just great I'm  
stuck on Top Spin

What? You know  
the ancient art  
of the Top Spin?



What? It just spins...

I see now that you are too  
powerful for me to defeat



Can anyone tell me what  
the hell just happened?



Darn that Mega Man. He's already defeated four of my Robot Masters!



Well, no matter. There's no way he can be ready for my secret weapon, the Doc Robots!



Ahem...



You're still up there?

Yes. Could you please let me down now?



And why should I let you down?

Well my arms are starting to cramp up...



No, I mean, what do I get out of it?

Well, I could give you information about the future



Excellent... what, won't that totally disrupt the future?

It's not my future



But didn't you make the same offer to Mega Man?

Look, you gonna get me down or not?!





Now then, let's  
get you down...



KABOOM!!!



What was that?

Sir! A robot that looks  
like a gray Proto Man  
is destroying the lab!



It's Bob! He's come to save  
me! Or kill me... but either  
way, I won't have to hang  
here anymore! Yippy!



Bob What do you want?

I'm here for my brother  
Give him to me or I'll  
destroy your lab!

Well, that's one option, but  
how about this? You destroy  
Mega Man for me, and I give  
you your brother back

I dunno That sounds  
needlessly complicated

I'm a generic mad scientist  
and the major villain in a  
video game I'm all about  
needlessly complicated

Alright, Why, I accept  
your offer Besides I wa  
going to kill Mega Man  
eventually anyway



Excellent! Now I must  
go adjust my evil  
plans to include this  
new turn of events!



huffle  
shuffle



\*sigh\*



Man when's Mega Man gonna get here? I've been waiting for hours



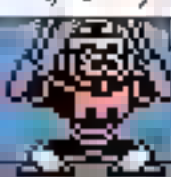
It's not like it's a that difficult to traverse a entire level filled with unspeakable monsters and horrible traps



But no, I just have to wait  
No one cares about stupid Spark Man. He's just a big spark plug they say. Who cares about Spark Man?



No one. They treat me as a second class robot. Not fair. I'm just as strong as the rest of them.  
Maybe if I just wait he'll kill himself and save me the trouble of doing it myself.



And they never invite me  
to do anything with them  
And the one time they do,  
they wanna play cards



And I say, but I can't play  
cards, I don't have hands  
And they just laugh at me  
like my entire existence is  
some cruel practical joke

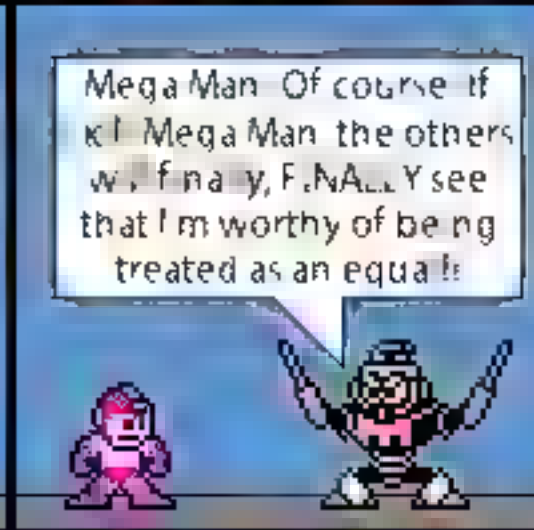


Maybe I should just kill  
myself, I think, but no,  
can't even do that right  
because I have no HANDS



This is the saddest thing I  
think I've ever seen





Fine don't want to talk?  
Try some Shadow Blade



Swish.



Twink.



Okay, that's the last time  
rely on strategy guides



T me to eat blazing  
electric death!

Wait... can get you hands

ZZZZZZZ!!

What? Hands? How?

Well I'm sure Dr. Light  
could fix you up with  
some appendages

You'd do that for ME?  
Even though you just  
met me? Even though  
I'm supposed to kill  
you and was about to?

Yeah, I guess

I'd hug you, but it'd  
probably kill you



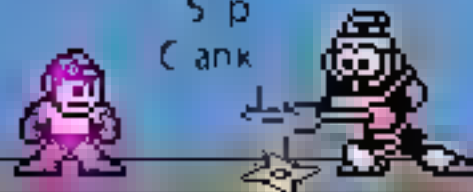
Look, you dropped  
your Shadow Blade  
Let me get it for you



Urm... careful  
a most... got... It



S p  
C ank



Urm, you don't have to  
do that I can get it...

No... can do it!







They're back again...

Damnit We're not doing  
anything interesting  
funny, or even remotely  
entertaining!

Go bother Mega Man and  
Bass They're probably  
doing something stupid

Hey bet we'd survive if  
we jumped off this cliff...

Well, you were right  
We survived jumping  
right off that cliff

Yup

It's a good thing these  
agged rocks were here  
to break our fall. huh?

Yup

Hey, what's that over there?

Finally! A rescue

Mike You're alive?

Yes Luck y my shie d protected my head and upper body And whie my appendage were shattered beyond repair my suit was able to keep the blood loss to a minimum

But how d you survive this long?

Oh, my sense taught me the language of the squirrels

Well, ah sorry for not  
trying to rescue you or  
anything. We just thought  
you had died in the fall.

Oh, that's okay. But why  
didn't anyone come  
looking for my corpse?

We were rather busy  
being killed by Mynd.

You certainly  
don't look dead.

We got better.

Mega Man will be  
here any minute  
must be prepared



On My Ss p der... er,  
Ssnake ssense t ng ng



Mega Man must be near  
Sssearch ssnakess Go  
and f nd the intruder!



\*snicker\*

Search Snakes...

\*snicker\*





Bwahaha This is perfect  
As long as I'm invisible,  
he'll never find me



I'll stay here quietly until  
he turns his back, then I'll  
kill him... And he'll never  
even think to send his...



\*Snake Man's  
Infrared Mode\*

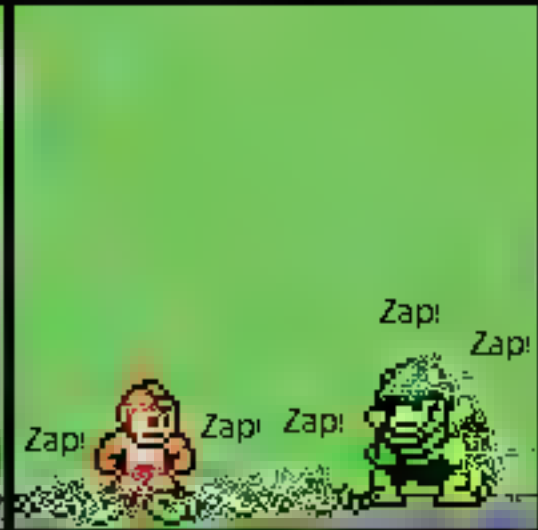
There On the way Attack  
my Sssearch Snakes



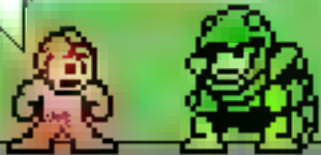
Oh crap...







Hmm... now that  
you're appropriately  
incapacitated, what  
shall I do with you?



I suppose I could just kill  
you and take your weapon,  
but where's the fun in that?



There's something  
you should know...

Oh? What's that?

I'm properly grounded



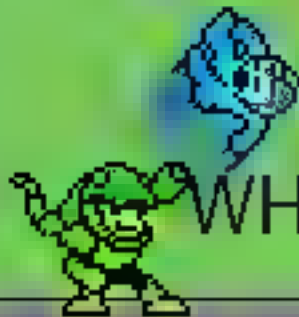
TWACK!!



SMASH!!



WHACK!!



CRACK!!



Still conscious?

You will pay...



I'm impressed Mega Man,  
but what do you think  
you can possibly do to me?



Know what happens to  
snakes when they get  
struck by lightning?

What?



**BOLT 3**

kracka-  
BOOM!!



The same thing  
that happens to  
everything else

sizzle  
sizzle



Yup, looks like Mega Man's been here



Here too I can't be too far behind him

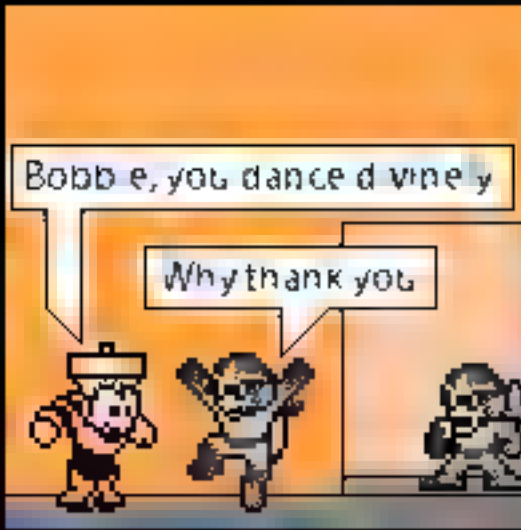


Hmm... what's this?  
I hear voices on the other side of this door



Oh Bobb e you're so good at this...





Why thank you



He's the alternate me from the future



Why's that?





Let's see what Mr  
Strategy Guide says  
I should do next...



sneak  
sneak



Hmm... it says, here Gemin  
Man then Need e Man



sneak sneak



SMACK



Eh who needs  
strategy guides?



Whoa... where's all this  
smoke coming from?




I can barely see where  
I'm going, and it looks  
like it's getting thicker



Phew! It smells awful!  
What's this stuff?!

Hey dude... wanna tokes?



What the... Need e  
Man, are you high?

Uh... no?

You are! You're  
stoned, aren't you?

No way. I'm  
just buzzing

Wait! You're hopped  
up on smack!

That's it. No one  
talking to me like that!

Just let me finish  
off this fatty first

Ha Did you  
fall over?

Oof!

TWOONG!  
TWACK!

Ack. What did you do to ..

Whoa....



Wanh wanh wanh wanh



Wanh wanh wanh



Wanh wanh wanh  
wanh wanh wanh



I know exact y  
what you mean



Whoa... this  
is pretty cool.



Wait, this doesn't  
look right...



Uh oh... looks  
like the trip's  
going bad...



Whoa...



Please don't eat  
me, drug-induced  
coma monster!



Booyaka!

Who're you?!



I'm Ran, your  
spirit guide!

Am I supposed  
to know you?



Nope, I haven't  
been created yet.

Okay then.



So, why are you here?

I'm here to tell you how  
to defeat the giant drug-  
induced coma monster.



Oh? How?

You have to search  
deep within yourself  
and find the power.



You mean, like find  
some sort of spiritual  
strength to defeat  
my inner demons?



Nah! I'm just talking about  
using a really big gun!





Mind if I borrow  
that blaster?

Sure! Go ahead!



Whoa! Hey!



WAAAAAH!!



FWOOOM!!

Oh my head... I'm never gonna do drugs again...

Whoa... what happened to Needle Man? Did the hallucination somehow affect the real world?

But what about Ran? Was he real? Did I kill him? Eh, who cares? Off to the next boss

Jerk!

But then was like, "But we don't need a new..."



Hey guys What's up?

George? What are you doing here?



Aren't you supposed to be suspended from Dr. Wily's lab ceiling several years in the past?



Yeah, but my arms were getting tired no one was paying attention to my part of the story, and I wanted ice cream





Oh There's Break Man!  
He's waiting for me! Ha!  
I sneak right up on him



sneak

sneak



He's Mega Man

What? How'd  
you see me?!



You think these  
sunglasses are just to  
make me look cool?



So what do you want  
this time? Do you want  
to fight me again?

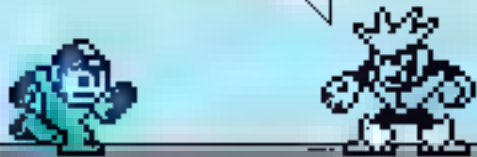
Or are you going to tell  
me that I need to use  
that stupid side again?

Actually, I was going  
to give you advice  
about Gemini Man  
but not anymore

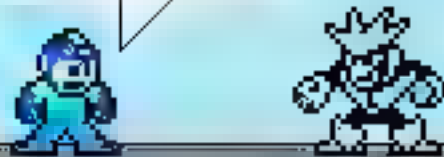
Oh no! Did I hurt  
poor little Break  
Man's feelings?

Screw you! I'm  
going home!

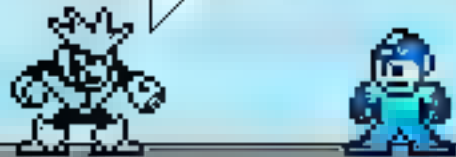
Greetings Mega Man We  
have been expecting you  
We are Gemini Man



We? I only see  
one of you here



Greetings Mega Man We  
have been expecting you  
We are Gemini Man



Resistance is futile,  
Mega Man Surrender  
now and your death will  
be quick and painless





Resistance is fut e  
Your b.o og cal  
and techno og cal  
distinctivene s wil...

Oh sorry I a ways  
get those confused

You d ot That s  
the Borg, not us

Clone? I m not  
the clone you are

Stupid clone

Oh, sorry, I a ways  
get us confused

You d ot! You  
a way, think you re  
not the clone!



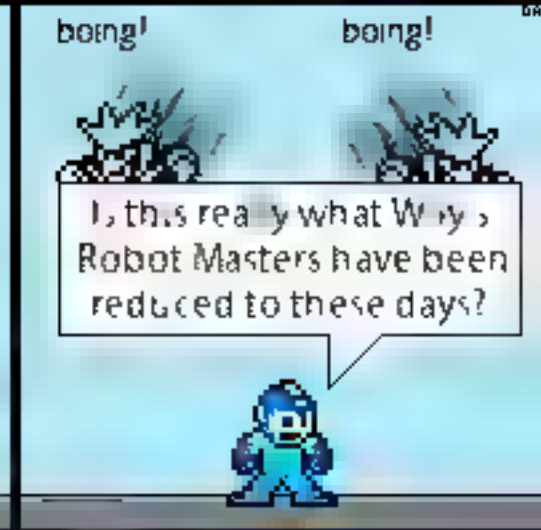
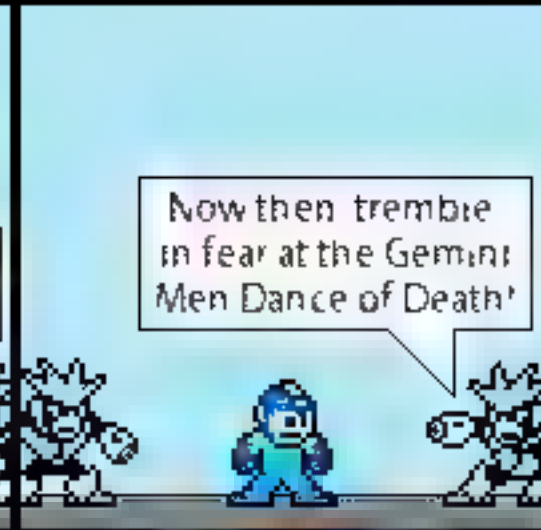



Are you sure  
I'm the clone?

For the last time, yes

Heh, so this is kinda  
like "The Attack of  
the Clones", right?

For that you'd better  
not get it





So um a you're going  
to do is dance around?


No we a to tel ridd es




We do what?




One of us arways te,ls  
the truth and the other  
arways te,ls a l e!



No we don t, you moron




See? He s ,ying now!



No I m not

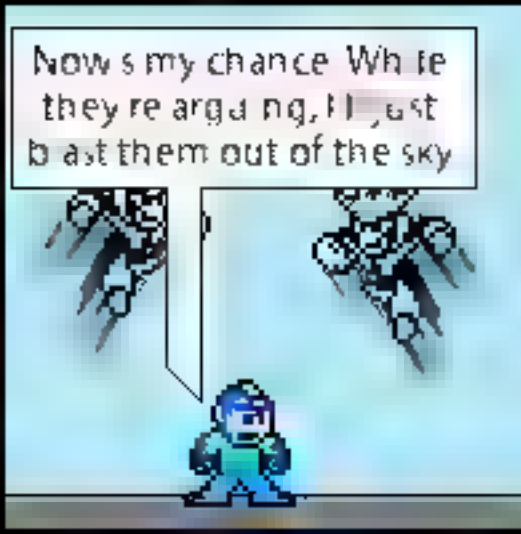


An Another ,e!



s,gh...





That's it. I don't want  
to have to do this, but  
you two aren't going  
to die quietly, are you?

Bah. What are you  
going to do? Your EMP  
won't work on us.

And while your pathetic  
tricks may work on  
my idiotic clone, they  
won't work on me.

What can't Search  
Snakes hurt us?

SHUT UP!



Wha... what's that  
rumbung noise...

What're you waiting for,  
Mega Man? Why aren't you  
using your Search Snakes?

WAAAAHH!!!

WAAAAHH!!!

GWAR!!

Crash!

Crash!

Dr. Light, I'm back.  
I defeated all the  
evil Robot Masters



Do you have the  
Power Crystals?

And yes, I'm unhurt,  
thanks for asking



Whatever Crystals!

Yeah, yeah, I got  
your stupid crystals



Excellent! Now Dr. Wily  
and I can finish our work  
on Gamma, the gigantic  
peace-keeping robot  
of mass destruction!





What? You destroyed  
them already? Do  
you know how long  
I worked on them?



Oh Albert you kidding  
Pretending you made  
those evil robots!



You're not even hiding  
it anymore are you?

Why bother?



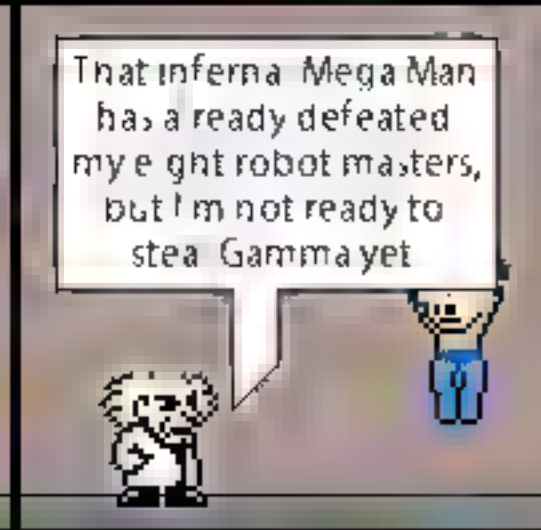
Dr. Light, while I was out, I ran into this mysterious red robot

He had sunglasses, a scarf, and a shield. And he had a cool blaster

And he claimed to be MY BROTHER. Any idea who he might be?

Nope, no idea

Okay, now you're just trying to piss me off, aren't you?



Interesting... a robot  
that could take on  
other robot's abilities,  
like Mega Man...



Yes, and I could  
name him Bass!



Ahem...



Er I mean Doc Robot!



Gm, Dr W y, d dn t  
you already know  
about Doc Robot?

I have no idea what  
you re talking about

Don t you remember?  
It was when you were  
announcing your evil  
plans once again

have no memory  
of that event

Ah, so you re just  
senile Okay then

What's going on in here?

Dr. Wily's building  
a new robot

Mega Man's already  
defeated all his robots,  
so he's building a new  
adversary to take him

Huh... do you suppose  
I should do something  
to sabotage Wily's plan?

Probably

Yeah, that's what  
I was thinking

So, Doc, how's  
the new robot?

Excellent! He will have the  
powers of the eight robot,  
from the previous game!

Just those eight?

Genius... I equip him  
with all the powers  
from ALL of my robots

That's not... aw damn

Smooth move dork.

I really need to quit  
drinking before work...







Proto Man What is wrong with you? Are you trying to ruin everything?!



Listen up, bond e, regardless of what you may think, I have my own agenda here



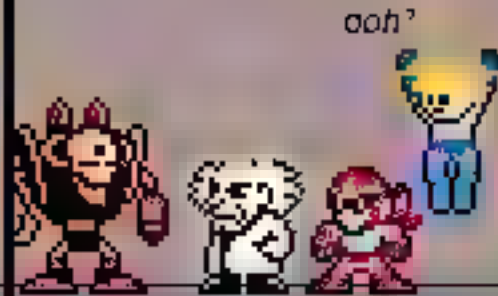
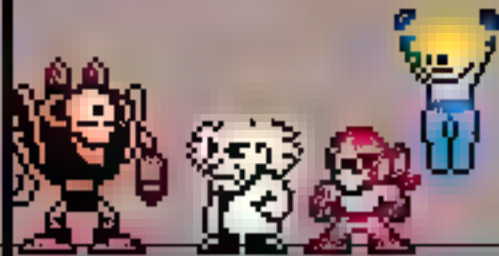
Get in my way or try to expose me, and I will kill you



You're a mean drunk, Proto Man



Yes I am done with  
Doc Robot Let us stand  
back and gaze in awe  
at my greatest creation



Right then I'm off to play  
innocent with Dr Light  
when Doc Robot comes  
to steal the Power Crystals





Oh, hello Dr. Why  
how are you?

Good, good. How are  
things going here?

Oh, about as expected

That's good. Say,  
where did you put  
those Power Crystals?

The same place as  
before, that is that only  
you and I have keys to

Excellent. I'm off  
to misplace my keys

What an odd thing to say... Why would he want to know where I put the Power Crystals...



I say, with that George fellow turning evil and those robot masters, this has all been very strange



I'm sorry, were you talking to me? What did you say?



Oh, nothing

Talking to yourself is the first sign of insanity, you know



Pfoof!



So this is the Cataclysm...

Not quite what  
you expected?

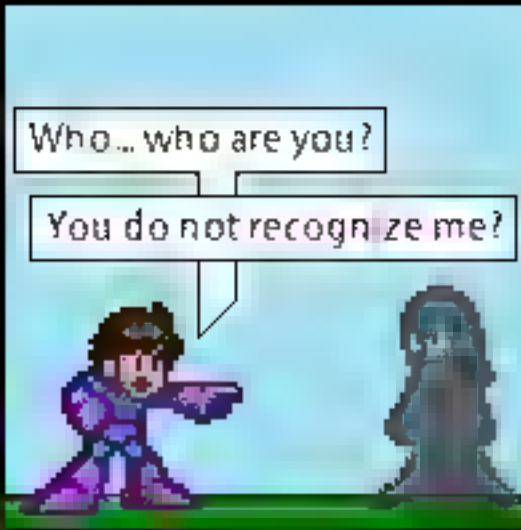
No, I was expecting...



Eep

Greetings... Author...





You do not recognize me?





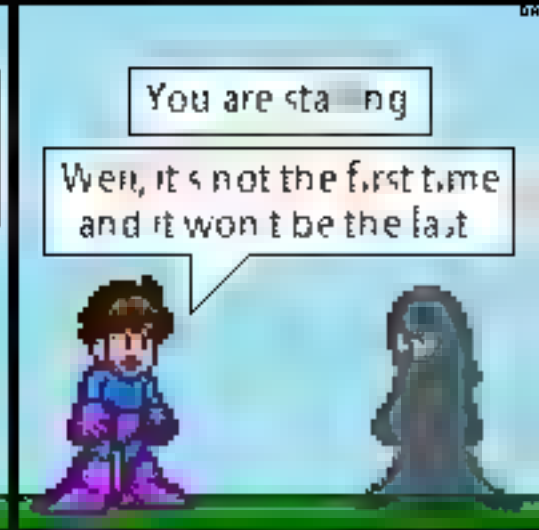
We, what do you want?

I am to act as your  
guide... your guide  
to the Cataclysm

A guide? I'm fairly certain  
I can find the death  
and destruction myself

If that is so, why  
are you here?

Well, maybe you could  
just point me in the  
general direction of the  
carnage and mayhem...?



You know speaking of  
stalling, what happened  
to that last storyline?  
Did it just end or what?



it did not end it was  
put on hold while  
we do this flashback.  
Now can we leave?



Wait, what about...

Look, it's Zero



Pfoof!  
Pfoof!

What were



Must steal Power Crystals  
Must steal Power Crystals



Oh, hello there You  
look lost Can I help  
with something?

Yes, I am looking for  
the room with the  
Power Crystals in it



Ah yes, down the hall  
last door on the right  
You can't miss it

Thank you



Such nice robots  
these days Not like  
that ungrateful blue  
robot of mine

Must steal Power Crystals



Must steal Power Crystals...  
This must be the door...  
need key... which one?

Secret  
Lab



So many keys on key ring  
Argh Doc Robot mad!  
Why won't door open?!

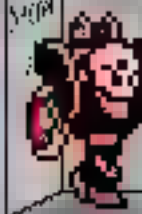
Secret  
Lab



Door open by itself...  
That convenient



Must steal Power Crystals  
Must steal Power Crystals



An... Power Crystals  
Must steal them



Ah Mega Man What  
are you doing here?

We been waiting for  
you, and now I'm  
going to kill you



Doc Robot is many times  
stronger than Mega Man

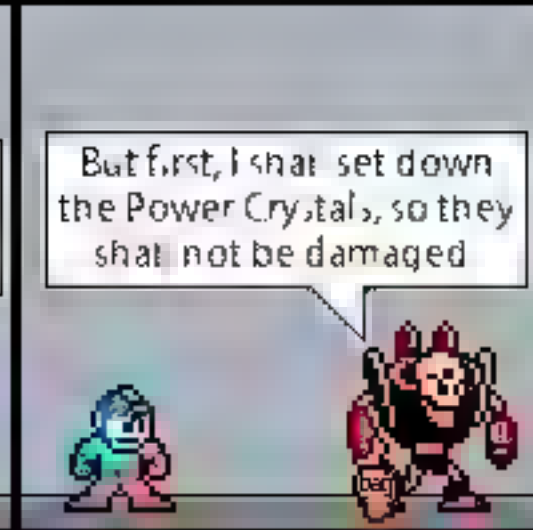
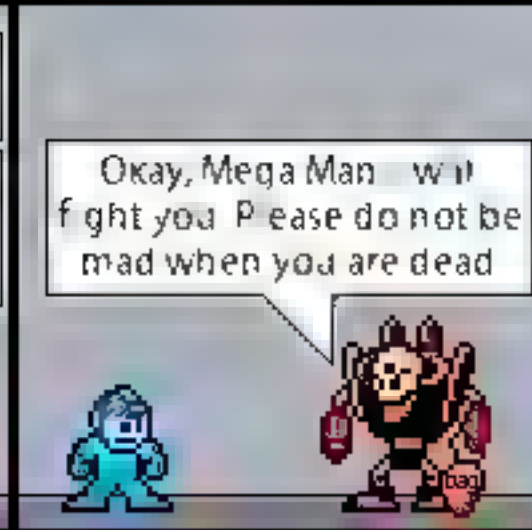
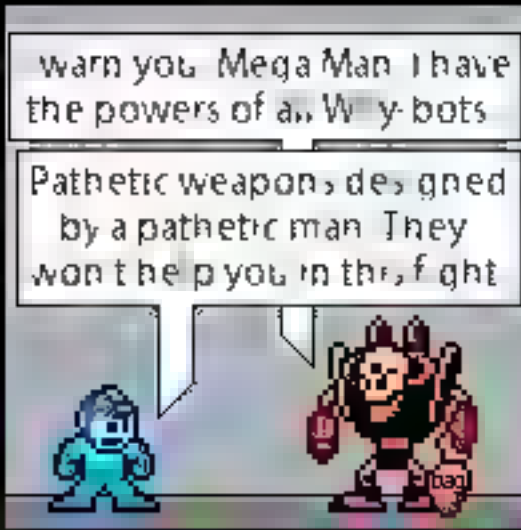
Nevertheless, I will kill you



Ha ha Mega Man  
make good joke

We'll see how much you  
laugh when I rip off your  
arm and beat you with it





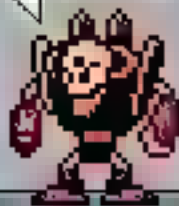
Mega Man, that was not very nice of you, attacking while my back was turned

Oh... it didn't work...



No As I contain Magnet Man's powers, an EMP cannot hurt me

Oh... crap



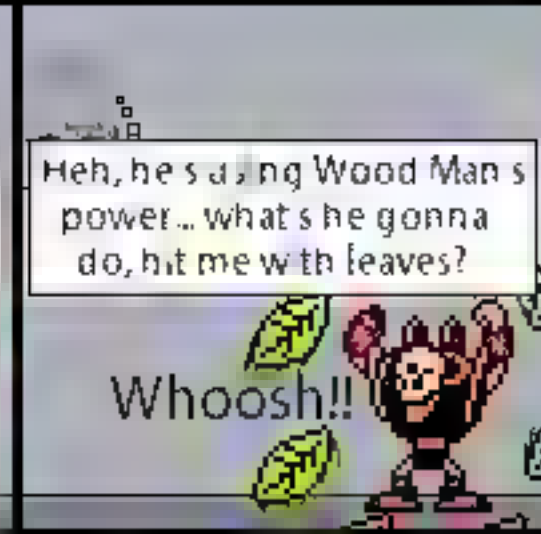
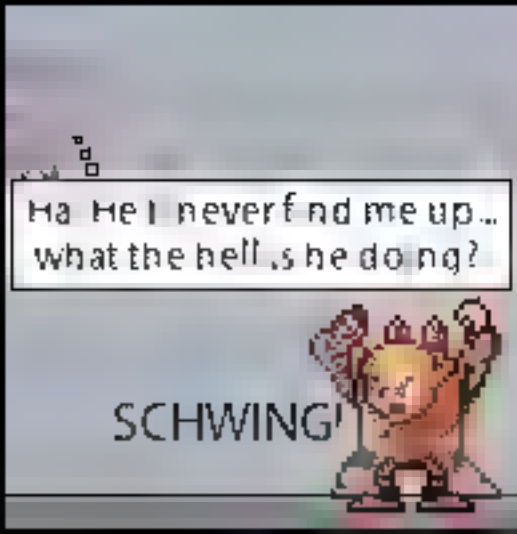
Well, see ya



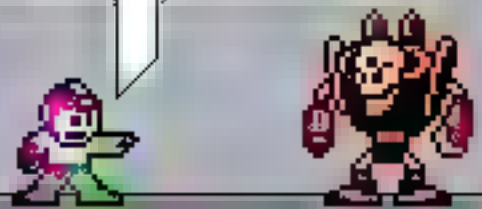
Sorry Mega Man cannot hide from me And now he will die a most painful death



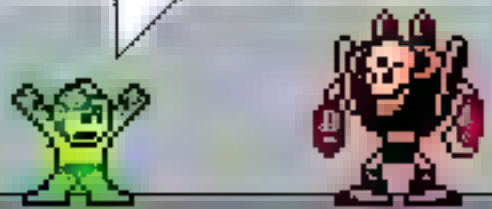




Okay, I don't want to  
have to do this, but you  
leave me no choice



Come forth my Giant Snake



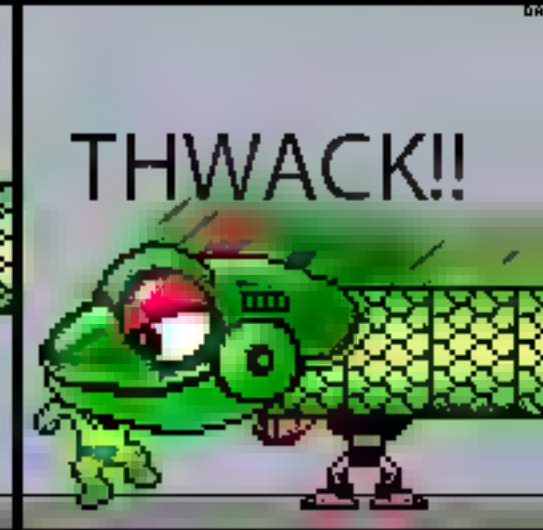
Mega Man sound dirty  
Shut up and die



rumble  
rumble

GWAR!!





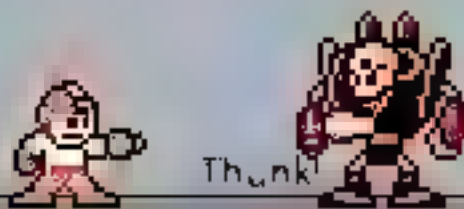
Okay, I d dn t want to  
have to do this, but you  
eave me no cho ce



Time to get junkified



Thank!



Pretty co ors



Must stop the colors Must  
stop the drugs Must speed  
up. Drugs are bad Must stop  
the drugs Quick Man. yes



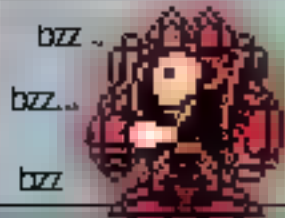
Ah nah Quick Man!  
I knew it! Let's see how  
you handle a stimulant



Thank!



Uh oh... this is  
gonna be messy...



bzz . bzz

bzz ..

bzz..

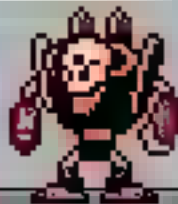
bzz

Oh I can't bare to look.

Ahem...

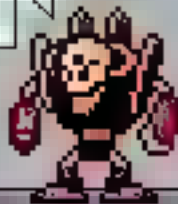


What? How can you stay...  
Hey! Why can't I move?!

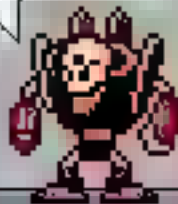


Flash Man powers

Oh, you're such  
a dirty cheater!



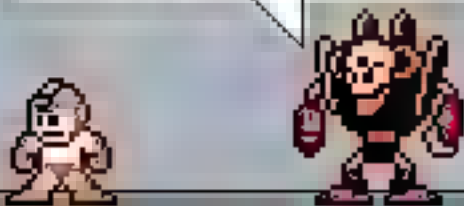
You are one to talk, Mr  
EMP. behind my back.



So what are you waiting for?  
I'm totally defenseless. Why  
not just finish me now?



It will be easier to destroy  
you when you have used  
up all of your energy



Hah. That's what you think.  
I've still got enough  
energy for one last attack!



And since it's the last one  
it's got to be something  
really powerful that the  
audience hasn't seen yet



Okay, I don't want to  
have to do this, but you  
leave me no choice



Gemini Blast!!





Ho y crap I d d t I  
defeated Doc Robot  
I AM THE MAN!!



Who da man? , am I...  
,ay what s that sme i?

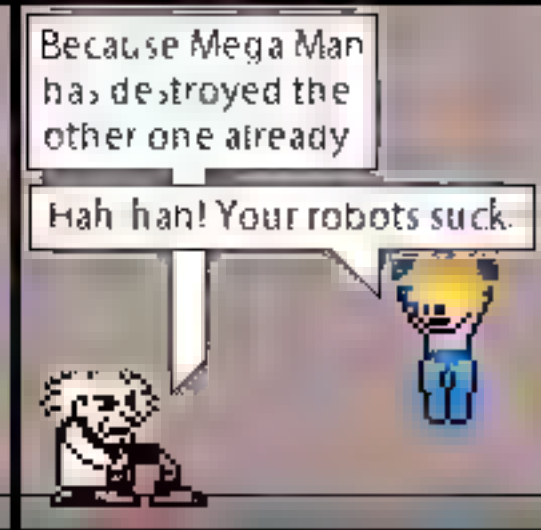
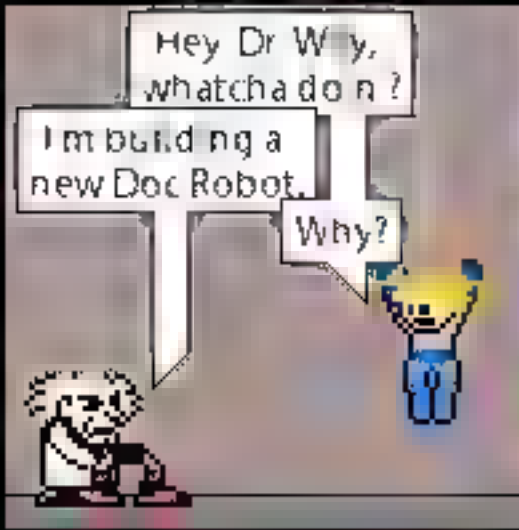


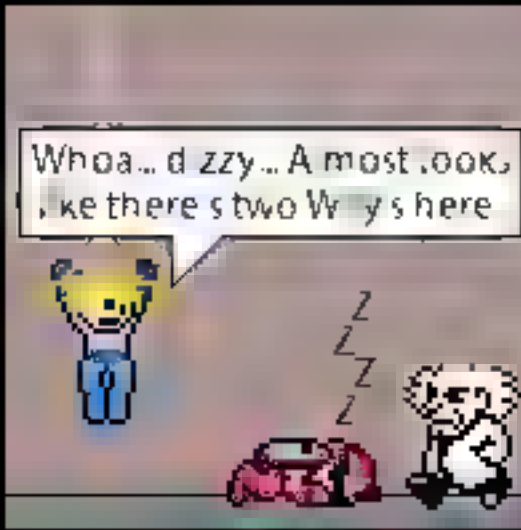
Oh crud looks ke  
burned something  
out That can t be...



Thud







Look what I found



Ahhh! You always get the good stuff



That thing's disarmed, right?



I sure as hell hope so



Bah, this is nothing compared to a good Communist holiday



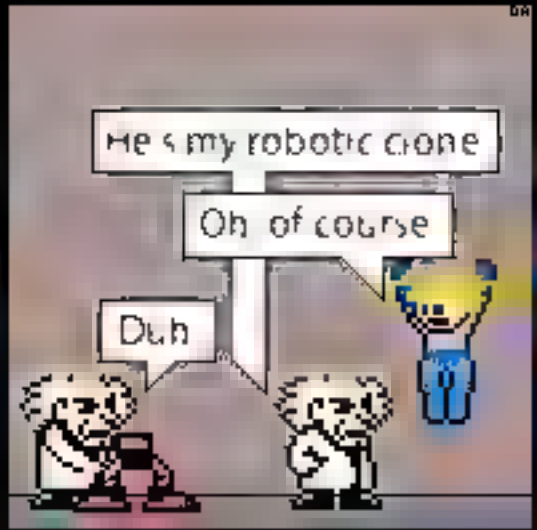
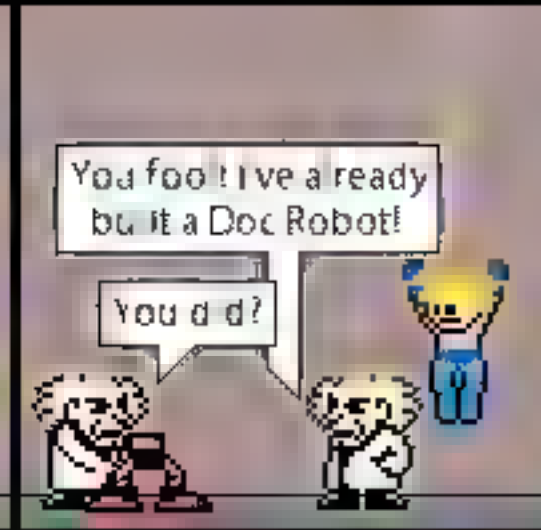
It's just not the same without George...

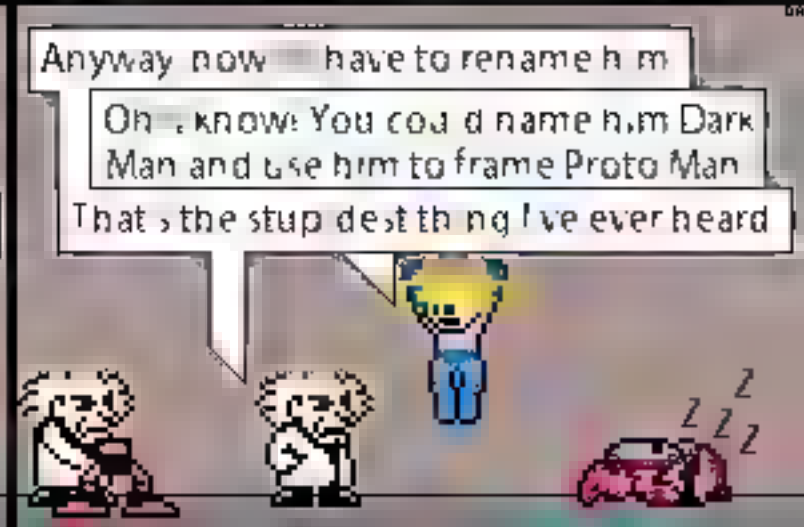


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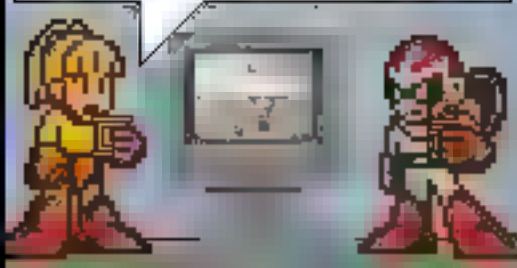
Yeah, and it's also a convenient plot device







So let me get this straight  
Dr. Wily isn't senile because  
one of them really didn't  
know that a Doc Robot  
had already been built?



And Proto Man's strange, drunken  
behavior is simply explained away by  
it actually being Dark Man from the  
fifth Megaman game being built early.

But that's so...

Exactly



Surptoon!!!

What was that?

Proto es being  
forced close.



This sucks .ve been a l  
over the place and I still  
haven t found Mega Man  
Where the hell is he?!



I guess .. just have to  
destroy Wily's fortress  
to get George back.



whoosh



catch

Oh, you d d not just  
do that, Nin, a Boy







Come back here I wanna  
try out setting #337!



click!

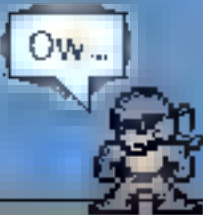
Oh... you wanna play  
in the dark, huh?

**You cannot attract the blind  
butterfly with motor oil...**

Whatever you  
metaphoric moron...

Wait! What am I thinking?  
If I fire with my night  
vision on I'll go blind!

Oh no... Where'd he go





Now, how about you tell me where Mega Man is and I don't turn you into a scorched pile of goo?



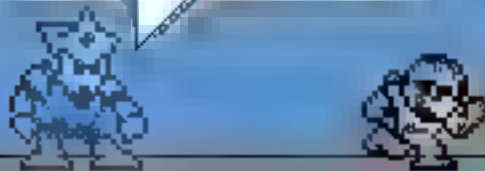
You are very powerful... concede defeat... Mega Man is in Dr. Light's lab



If you're lying, I will hunt you down and slaughter you



And now, I disappear into the background until I become a useful plot device again...



Dr Wily, I've created seven more Doc Robots and they are ready to be sent out after the Power Crystals



Good. Hopefully at least one of them will make it back without being destroyed by Mega Man



You, go with them as emergency back up

Um okay



And for God's sake, someone make him stop that!



Hey did you guys ever notice how there's seven of us, just like the Seven Dwarves?



You're right... say maybe each of us has a distinct personality and we could go on a bunch of wacky and comical adventures!



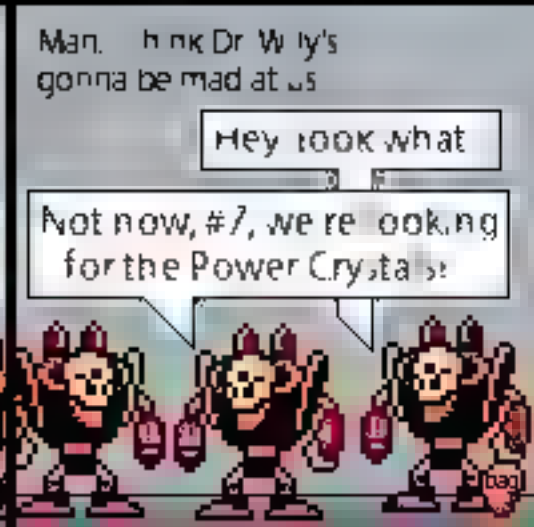
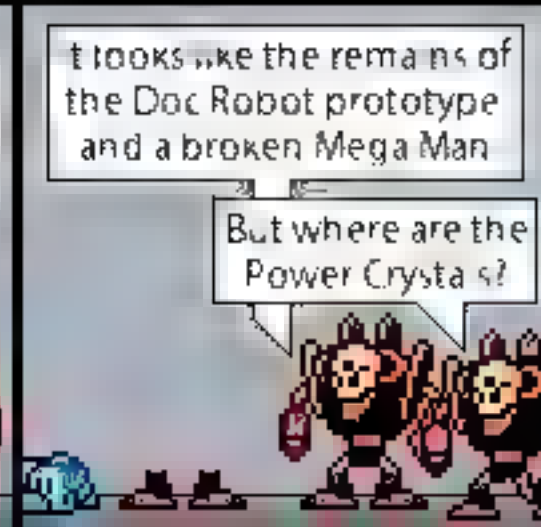
No way! That would extend this long story line even further. The Author would probably get lynched by a mob of irate fans.

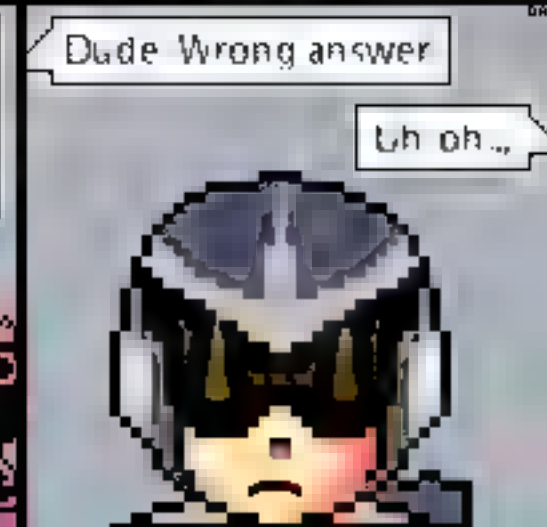


Aw, but I wanted to be the wacky quacky one.

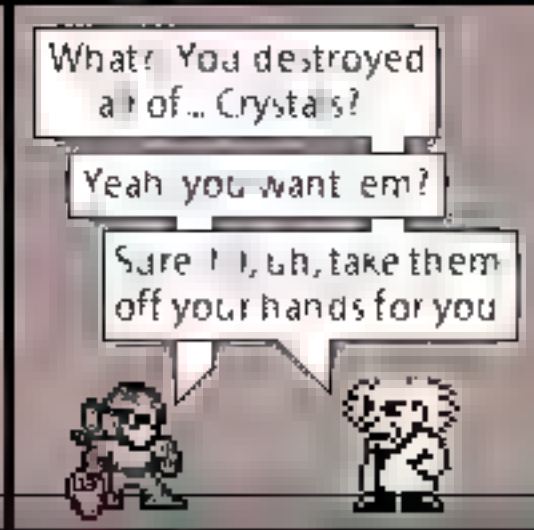
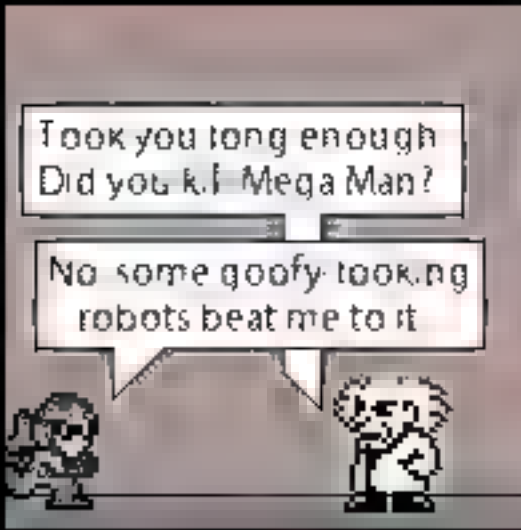
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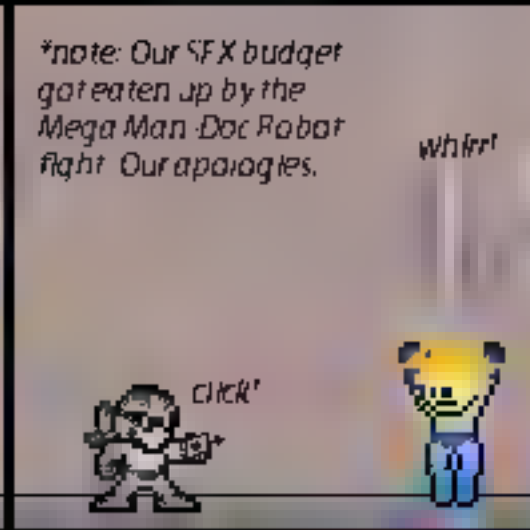
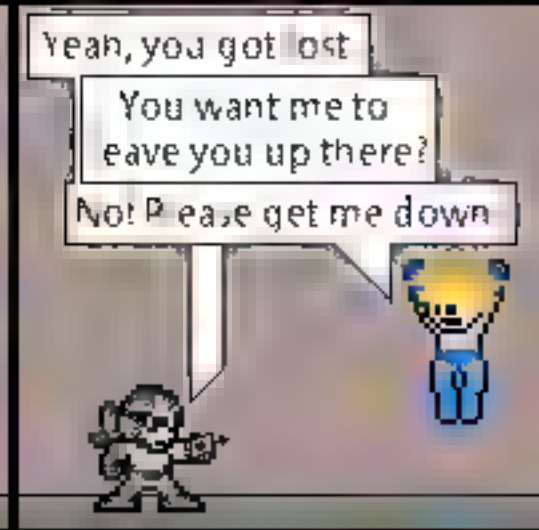










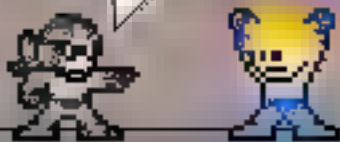


Hey, tel. me something...  
The first time you came  
to get me, why d dn't you  
just blast your way in?

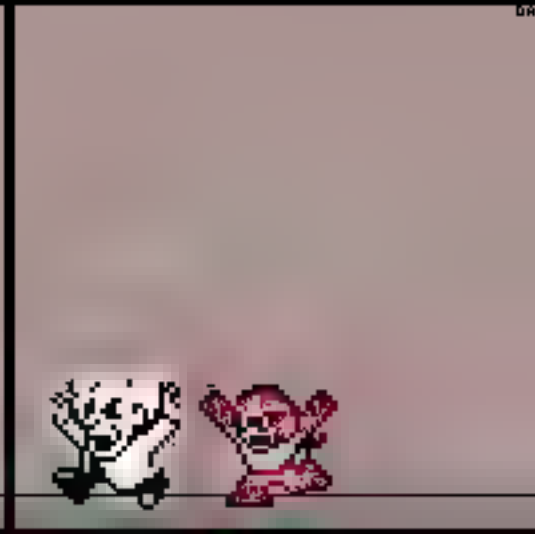
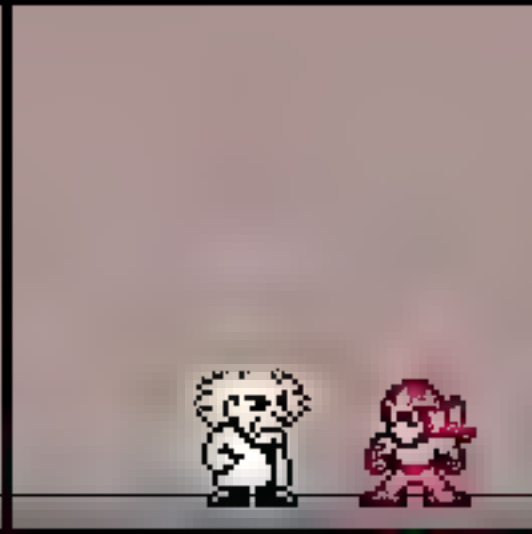
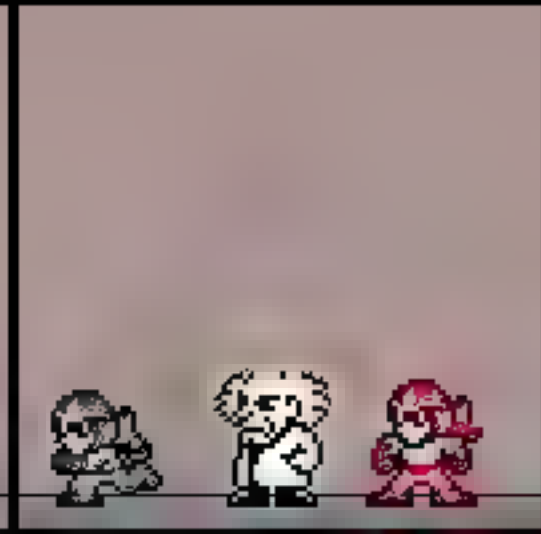
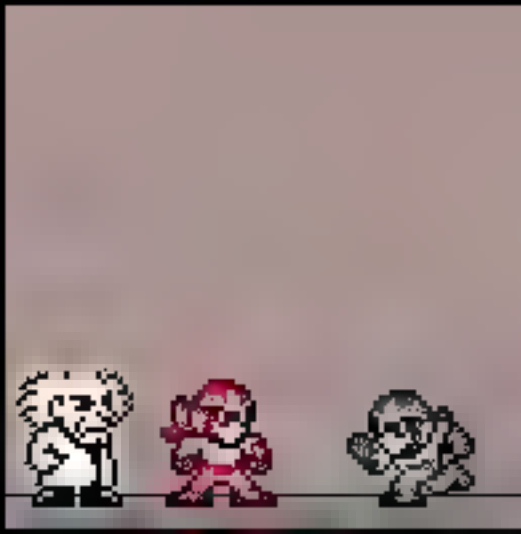
I... uh... that is....

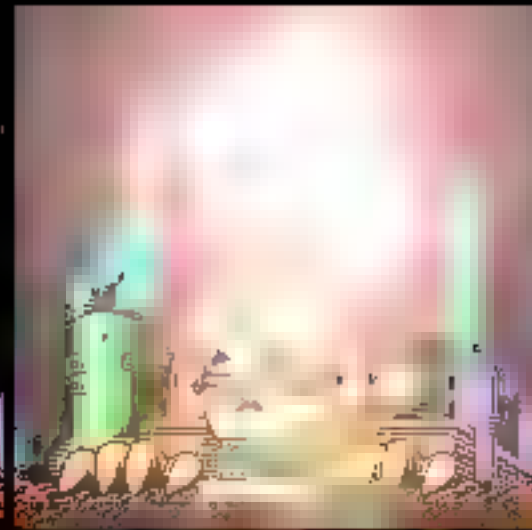


Well, dammit I didn't see  
you using your super  
powers to get yourself  
down from that ceiling!



\*twitch\*





That was one hell  
of an explosion

Yeah I didn't know  
George had it in him

Hey, if he has that kind  
of power why didn't  
he just break himself  
out in the first place?

Probably because the  
good guys are usually  
just stupid like that

But, you know, if  
were you, I'd never  
ever ask him about it



Oh my head...

George! You survived

What happened?



You totally flipped out and  
single-handedly destroyed  
most of Dr. Wily's fortress

Oh... is that a good  
thing or a bad thing?



Oh, you and your moral  
sense of right and wrong  
When will you realize  
you're above all that?

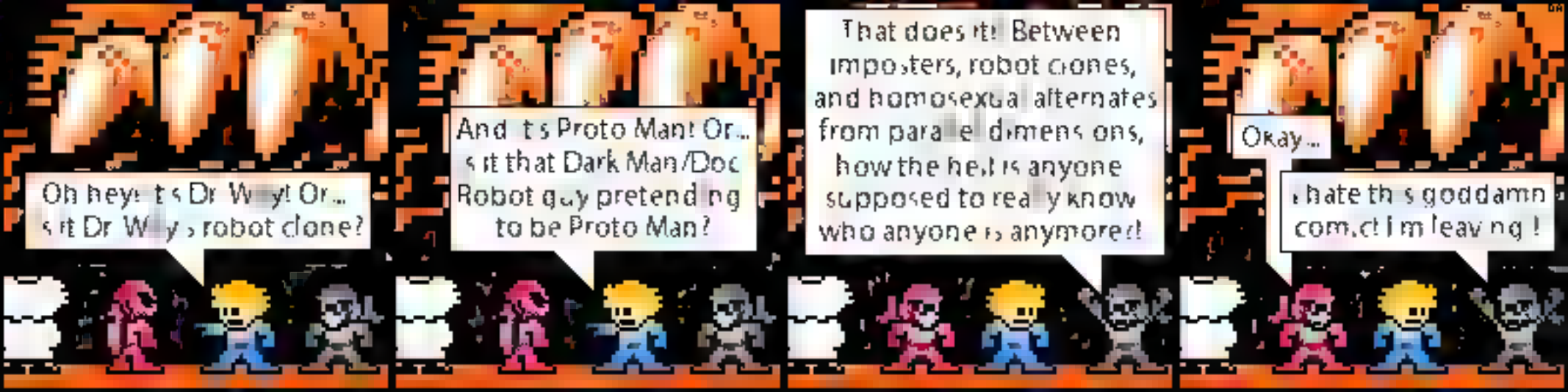


Are you trying to recruit me  
to the ways of evil again?

Maybe...

Leave me alone





Oh hey! It's Dr. Wily! Or...  
is it Dr. Wily's robot clone?

And it's Proto Man! Or...  
is it that Dark Man/Doc  
Robot guy pretending  
to be Proto Man?

That does it! Between  
imposters, robot clones,  
and homosexual alternates  
from parallel dimensions,  
how the hell is anyone  
supposed to really know  
who anyone is anymore!

Okay...

I hate this goddamn  
comic! I'm leaving!



So which are you?

Oh, he's the robot clone  
and I'm the real Proto Man

How do you know you're  
telling the truth?

Well, would that  
Dark Man do this?

Wooh! Rock em  
Sock em Robots

SMACK!

Sprong!

We, you've saved  
the world. What do  
you want to do now?

Ice cream?

don't see why not

Rumble...  
Rumble...

GWAR!!

Well, there's a pretty  
good reason why not

Nooooooooo!

Dr. Wily must have somehow survived the blast, and now she's controlling Gamma!

The world's most notorious villain is in control of a gigantic robot, and Mega Man's nowhere to be seen!

Nice dramatic yet pointless recap. Now, what are we going to do about this?

GWAR  
GWAR!!

Um... die?

You're so helpful!

Woot! It's mah birthday  
It's mah birthday!



Pissing the night away!  
I get knocked down but...



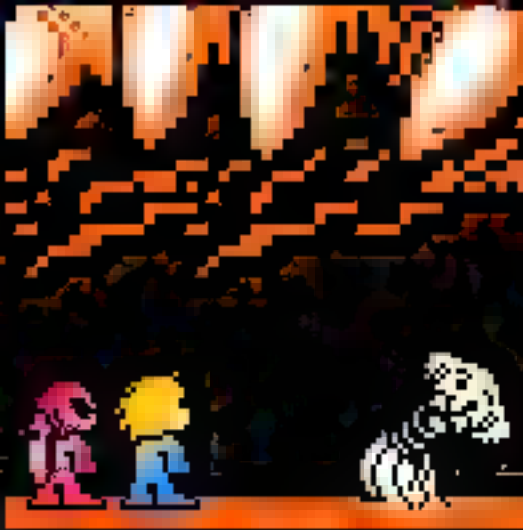
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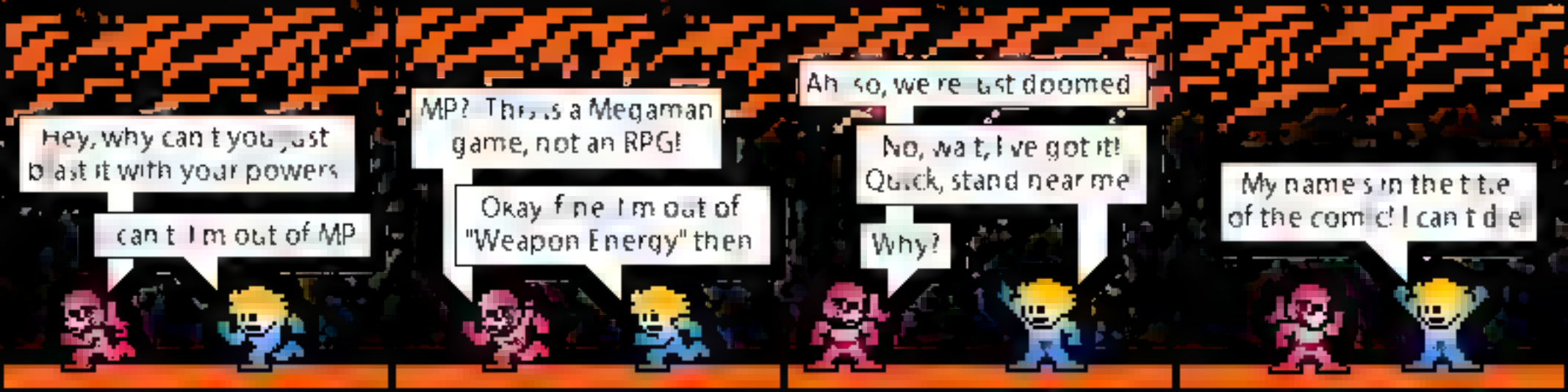


Dave's actin' funny

He's so drunk, even  
I'm feeling buzzed







Hey, why can't you just  
blast it with your powers

can't I'm out of MP

MP? This is a Megaman  
game, not an RPG!

Okay fine I'm out of  
"Weapon Energy" then

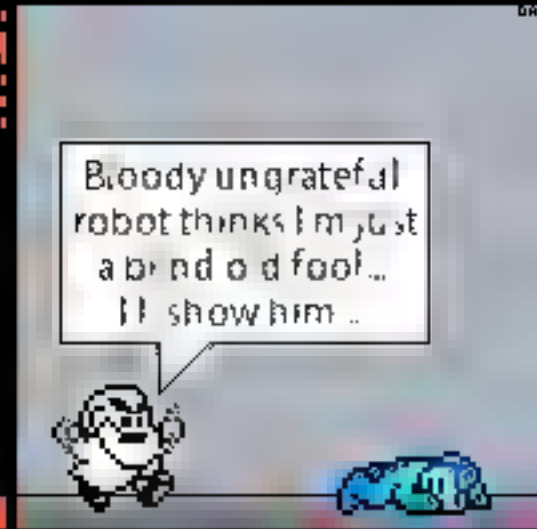
Ah so, we're just doomed

No, wait, I've got it!  
Quick, stand near me

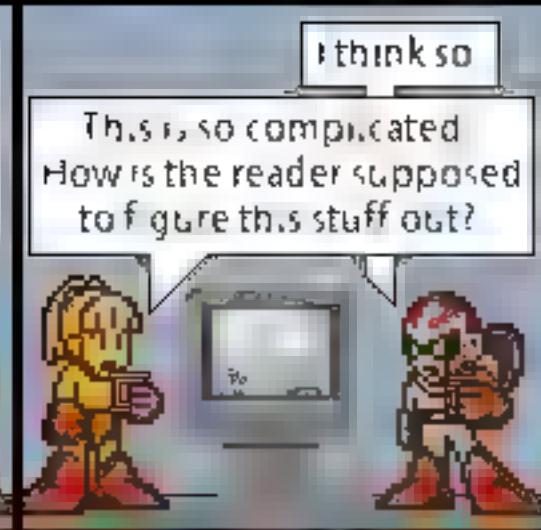
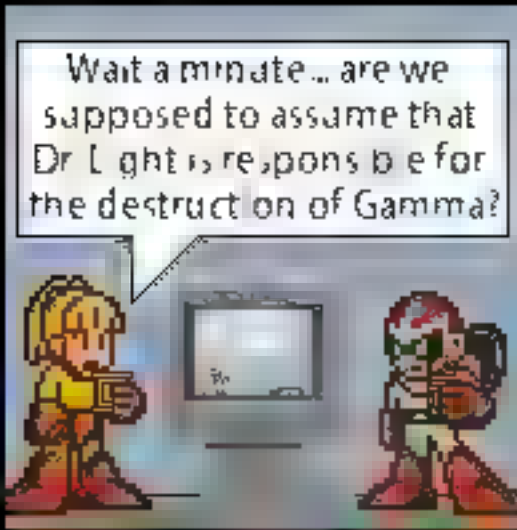
Why?

My name's in the title  
of the comic! I can't die









Dr. Light, do you have any idea what destroyed Gamma?

Of course. It was the faulty Power Crystal that Dr. Wily used.



But didn't he steal them from you?

You don't really think I'd just let his robot walk in and steal the real Power Crystal, do you?



What? But... but...

But what? Just because I gave Dr. Wily the benefit of the doubt doesn't mean I didn't have a backup plan.



And just because Mega Man thought he was so damn smart, doesn't mean he was smarter than me.



Speaking of Mega Man, where is he?

One of his transformation modules burned out, and he was incapacitated



I had him brought back to the lab and fixed him



THUNK!



Who keeps putting this beam here?!

Yes... fixed him...



That has got to be the  
stupidest ending to one  
of these storylines ever

We, at least everything's  
back to normal now, and it  
all worked out in the end

Is that really how  
everything happened?

Sure That's how  
I remember it

Well, that's how  
remember it now

I hate time travel



Hey, Bob Aren't ya gonna have any ice cream with us?

Mega Man are you feeling okay?



What do you mean?

I tried to kill you and you're inviting me to dessert

So?



Bob are you really that surprised?

I guess everything is back to normal



I won't tell any one if you don't

Dea



Ow!

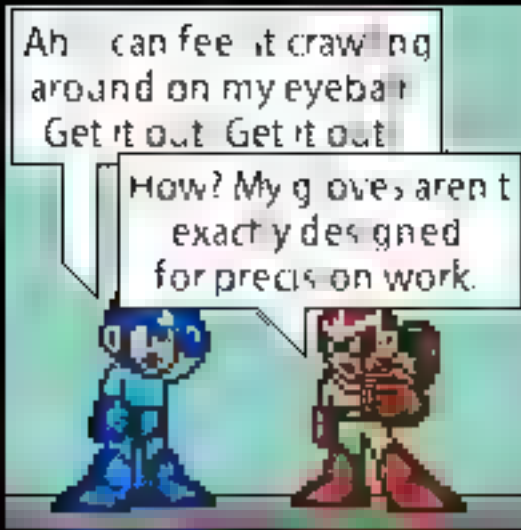
What happened?

A bug just flew  
right in my eye

Good thing you  
have two eyes, huh?

totally outsmarted  
those evil bugs!

Now, know why  
Dr. Light drinks,

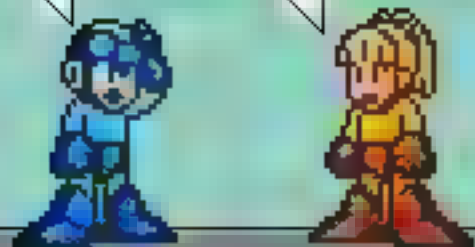






Hey Ron, you busy?

Not really, what's up?



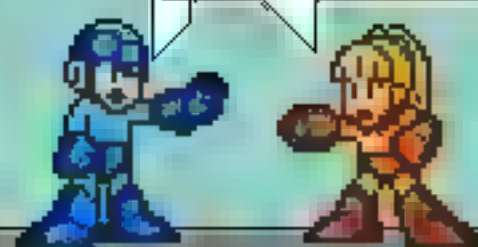
A bug flew in my eye and...

Ew! A bug



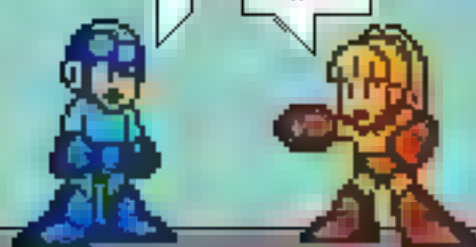
Aah No! Don't shoot me

What? Oh, no, this  
is just bug spray



Oh, all right then  
Make sure to get  
me right in the eye

Right







Dr Light: You have  
to help me. I've got  
a bug stuck in my eye.



And every time some  
one tries to help me,  
I just get hurt more!



Hold on, I have  
just the thing.



Not again...



Fine Fine! Just go ahead  
and shoot me! Go ahead



You know what? ... LIKE  
being shot in the head  
now: it's enjoyable!  
I enjoy it Watch!  
I'll just do it myself!



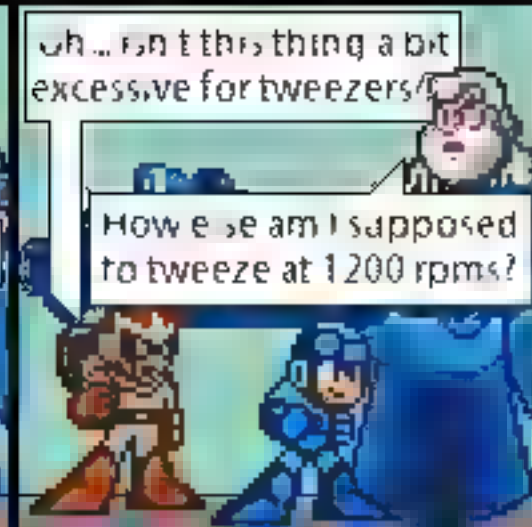
E r r r r r r r r r g h h h .....  
.....



Damn these stubby arms  
and this freakishly large,  
an me-style head of mine!











I hate to break this to you,  
Mega Man, but you're still  
a robot. Dr. Light just gave  
us human characteristics,  
like blood and eyelashes.



How do you know I'm  
still a robot? Maybe the  
Blue Fairy turned me into  
a real boy last night!



Mega Man, how many  
times have you been shot  
in the head since the  
beginning of this story?

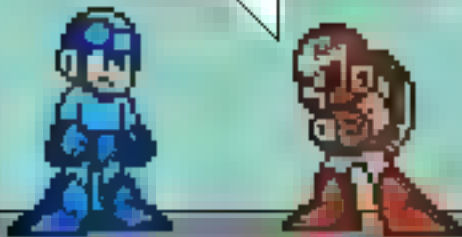


Three or four... but  
what's that got to  
do with anything?

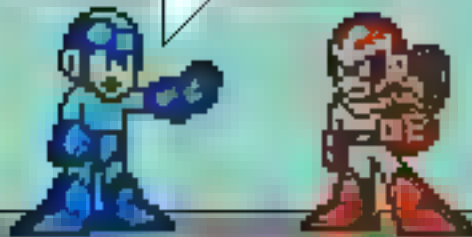




I guess we should  
go kill as some giant  
frickin killer bugs



Wait How do we  
know they're really  
giant "killer" bugs,?



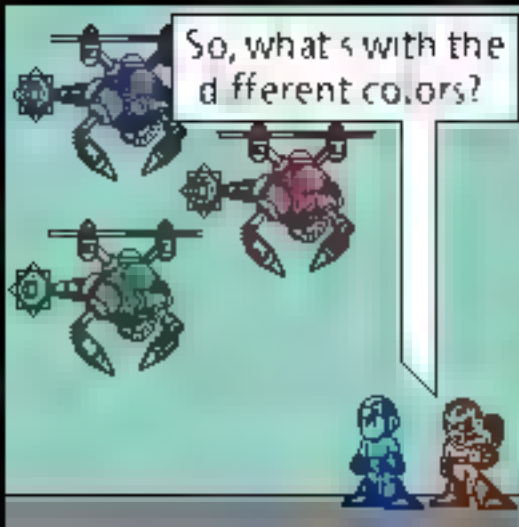
H there We're giant  
killer bugs and we're  
here to, well, kill you



Aka stupid question...

At least they're polite...





I am the Blue Bug!  
And I will chill  
you to the bone...



With my Ice Attack!



FWOOSH!!

AAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!



So cold  
ke ice cream  
please help me



I think I'm stuck  
in the wal ...



I am the Green Bug!  
And I will slap  
you silly...

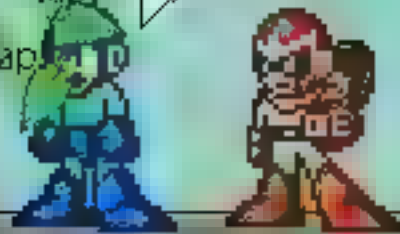


With my Leaf Attack!



AAAA Wat,  
th s doesn't hurt...

Flap!  
Slap!

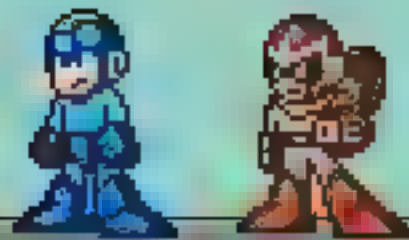


Oh, are you the gay one?

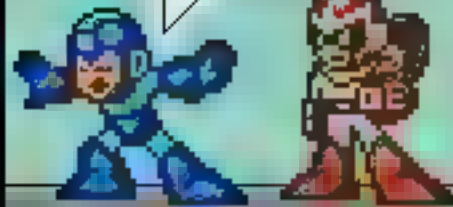
No, I'm just the  
pacifist killer bug



Ah, you fools! You may think my attack was weak but those were actually Poison Ivy leaves!



AAAAH! It itches! AH! My arms are too short! I can't scratch myself! Someone scratch me!



Damn these stubby arms and this freakish... AAAH! It itches so bad!





SMACK!



You idiot We're robots  
We can't get poison ivy!

Oh... \*sigh\*

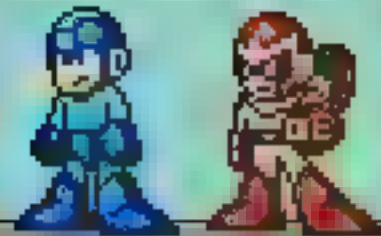


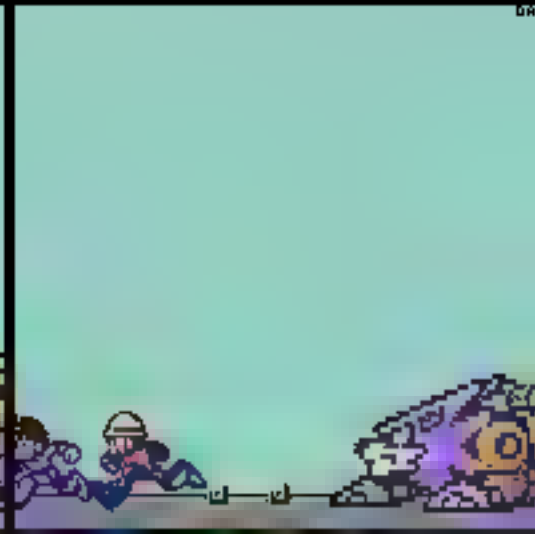
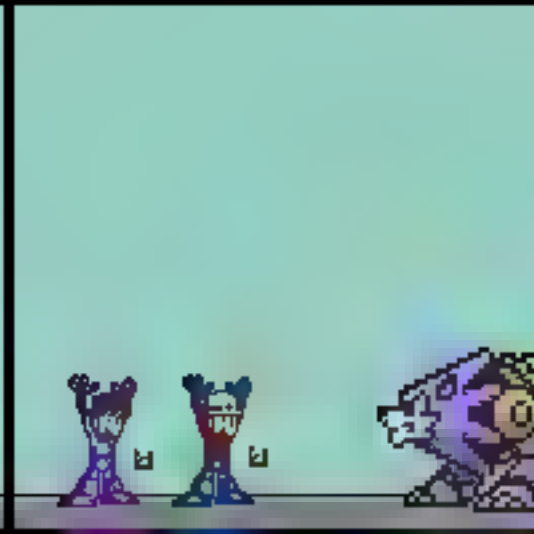
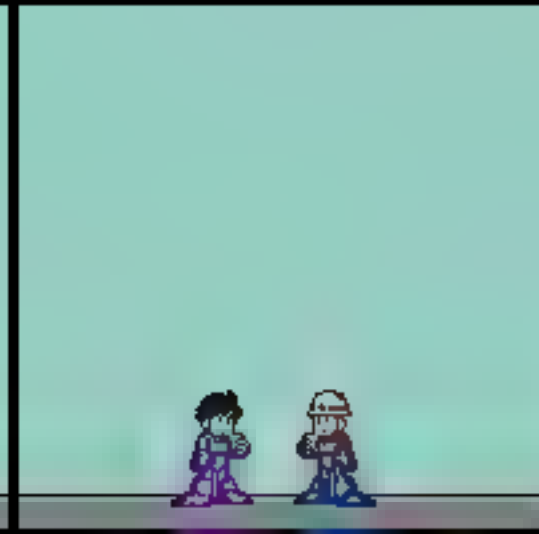
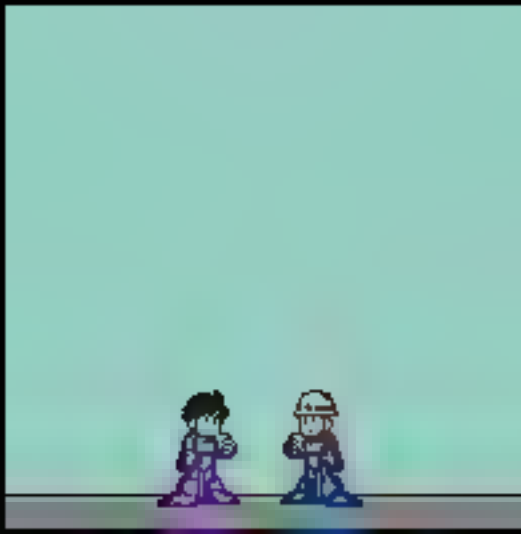
Now what's wrong?

I'm still bammed  
can't scratch myself

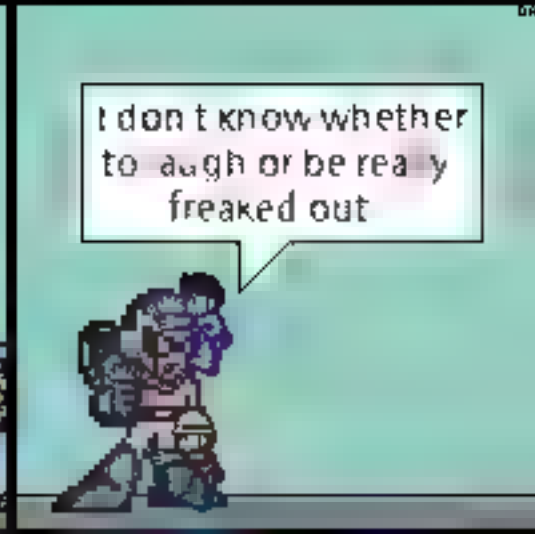
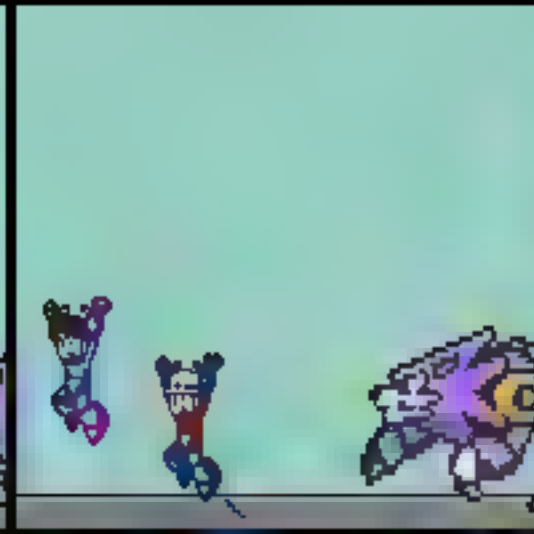
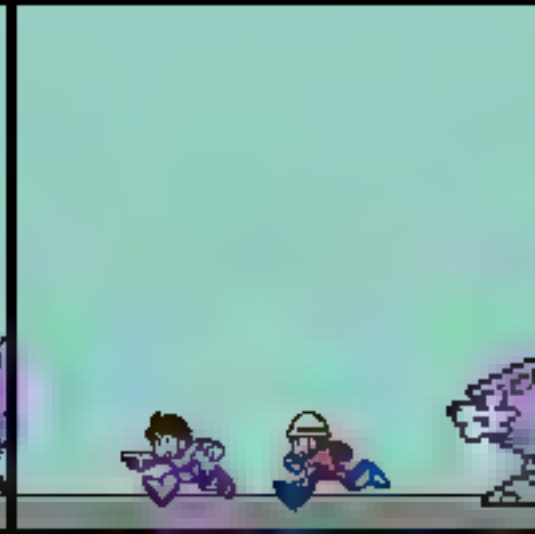


Hey, do you think  
we could get back  
to the whole "us  
kicking you" thing?

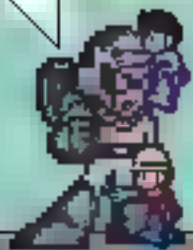




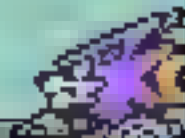




Now give me one good reason why should n't I blast you two into even smaller author pieces

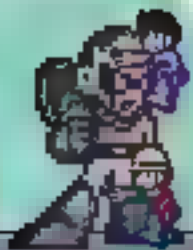


GFFFFFFFFFFFFF,hu



Get lost before I neuter  
you with a dull spoon

Y pe!



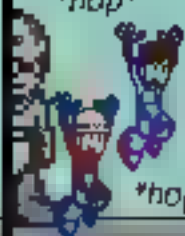
whimper



Okay now get off of me  
you freaky little... little...  
what the hell are you?



\*hop\*



\*hop\*

*FLASH!*

Rick. Rick. rick.

Dave. dave Dave

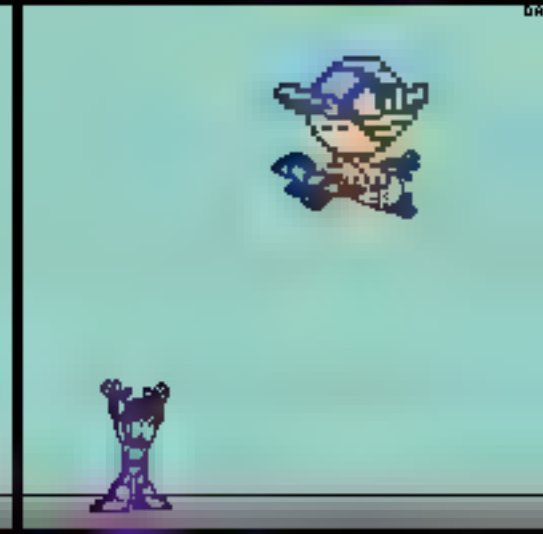
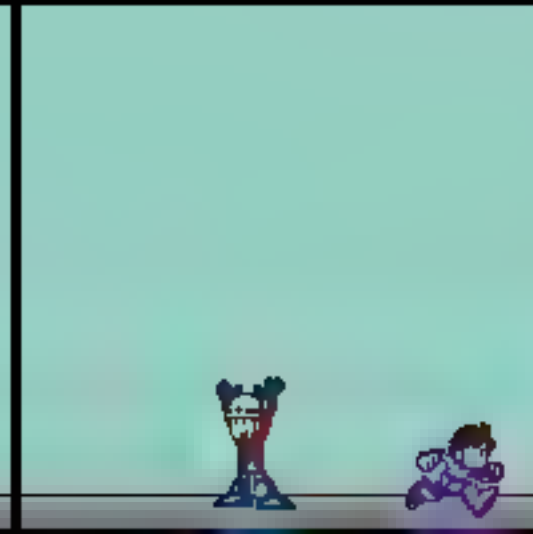
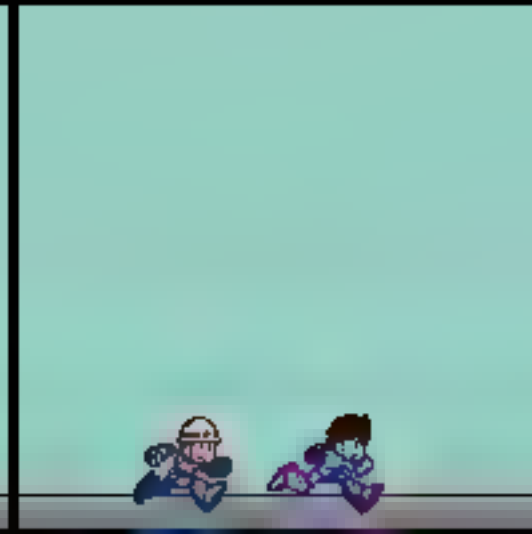
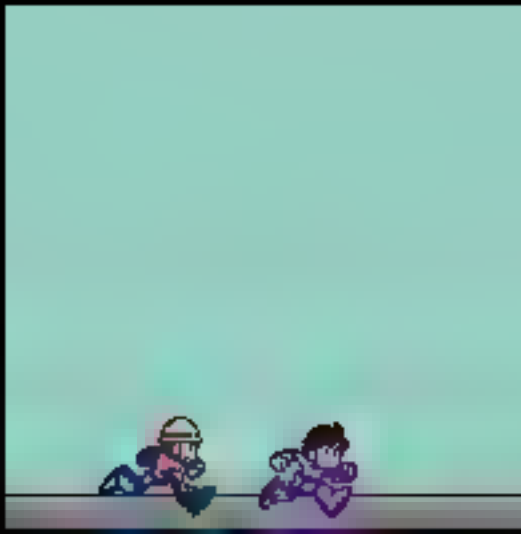


AAAAAAAH!!!!!!

Rick rick?

Dave?











B-ZAP!!

fwoosh

squawk!!



eeeeeeeeeeeeee!!





eeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee !



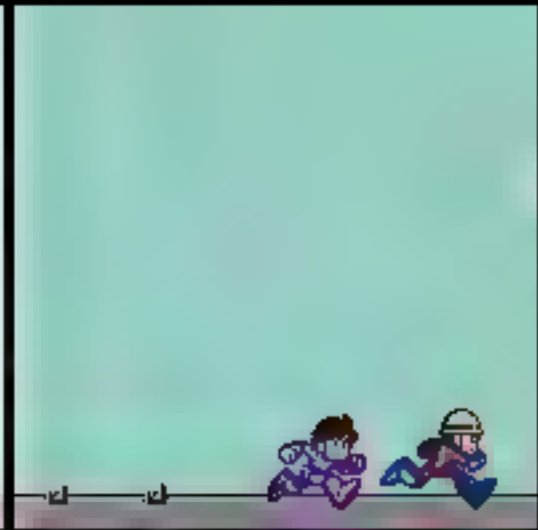
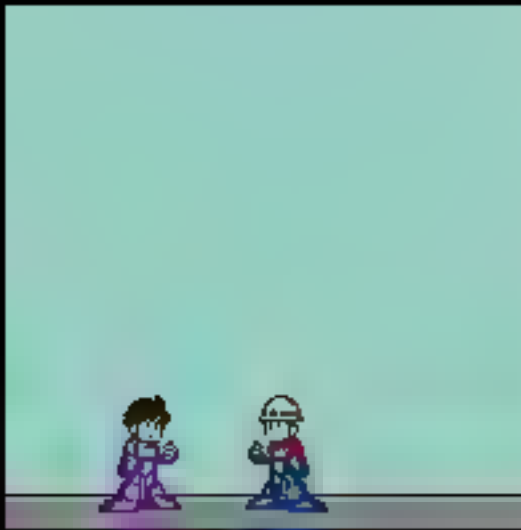
fwoosh!!



TA-DA!



foomp!



Mega Man... can't believe  
you defeated all three  
bugs with just one shot!



Neither can I... it's  
too bad I used up  
nearly all my energy  
destroying those bugs

*ploof!  
shoom!*



You mean to say that if we  
were attacked again you'd  
be totally defenseless?

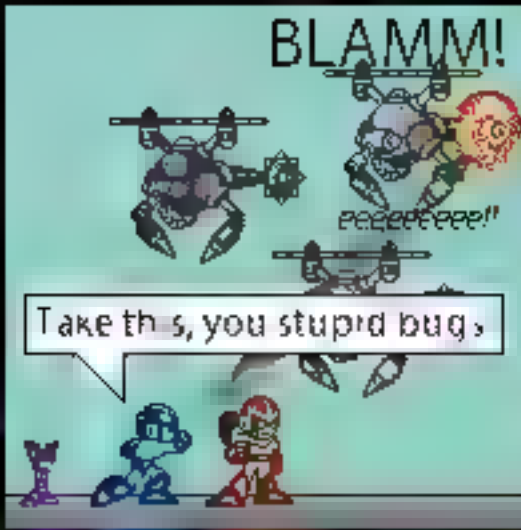
Exactly



H... We're more ev-  
giant killer bugs!

Woo is a surprise





Who would've thought  
just one of those little  
guys could take out  
three bugs like that?



Hey Look. There,  
another one!



Mega Man No Bad

Gotta catch em a

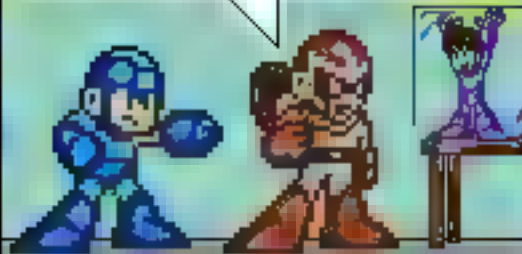




still say you shouldn't be  
keeping him in a jar...  
though he's kinda cute, in  
a slightly disturbing way



This has certainly been  
a strange story line. Oh,  
look, the little guys trying  
to tell me something...



# BLAM!!



And now, to kill  
everyone else





Well, that's rather unusual.  
It looks like Mega Man just  
shot Proto Man in the back.

And now he appears to be  
dragging Proto Man's inert  
form into the basement.

That crazy Mega Man and  
his wacky shenanigans.

Hey Ro! I've been doing some thinking about the nature of our relationship...



Oh shit Please God, I could really, really use some sort way out of this right now

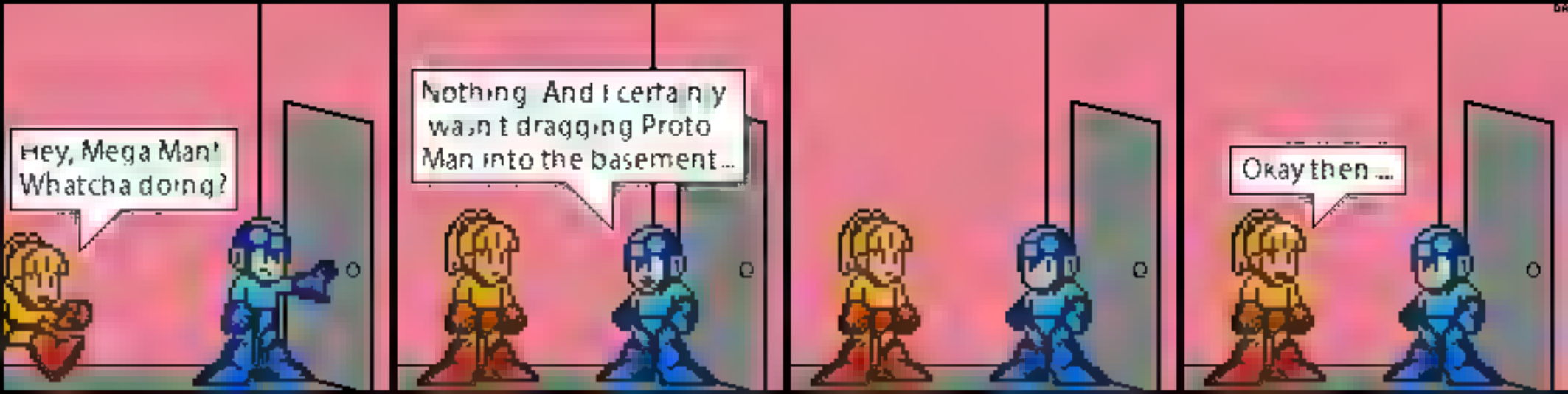


Ro: Mega Man's gone berserk and he's going to kill us all. Go check it out



Thank you God





Hey, Mega Man!  
Whatcha doing?

Nothing. And I certainly  
wasn't dragging Proto  
Man into the basement...

Okay then....

Anyway, Dr. Light wanted  
me to come get you  
and take you to him.



Oh no! What does Dr. Light  
suspect? Has he already  
figured out my plans?



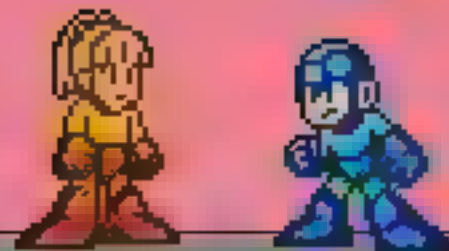
Or is he just a damn fool, that  
tumbled upon an image of  
me removing Proto Man?



Jesus! At least Dr. Wily waits  
until he thinks we're out  
of the room. You moron.



For your information you uneducated out when i talk to myself like that, it's called a soliloquy and you're not supposed to be able to hear it. It's my inner monologue.



Thou can sacketh mine  
salty salami, Shakespeare

Fair enough



Hmm... it seems Rox is on to me. But what shall I do about her?



Um... 'm right here...

She'll definitely have to be eliminated but a prolonged fight might alert the others.



can hear what you're saying.

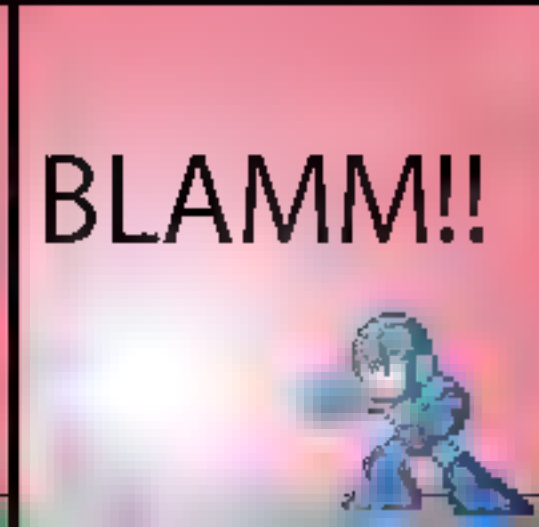
I have to distract her, and then attack. She'll be down before she knows what hit her.



Did you eat paint chips as a child or something?

It's very possible.









Okay What's my first  
assignment, boss?

Lh, take Roil's body  
down to the basement



Why? Isn't she dead?

She's stopped functioning  
but Dr. Light might have  
given her the ability to fix  
herself automatically



Why would he do that?

So he doesn't have  
to fix her himself,  
the lazy bastard



Ungrateful evil  
killer robots



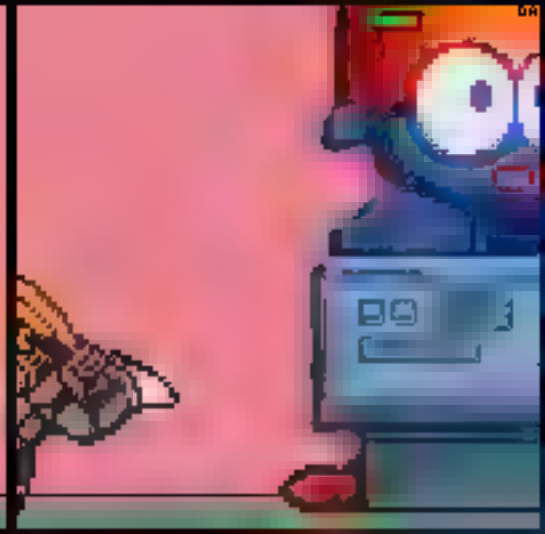
La a a m taking Rot  
to the basement!

shuffle  
shuffle



Man She , heavier than  
she looks I don t know ,if  
can carry her all the way  
to the basement...

shuffle  
shuffle



Mega Man has apparently  
gone crazy and it looks  
like he's out to kill us all



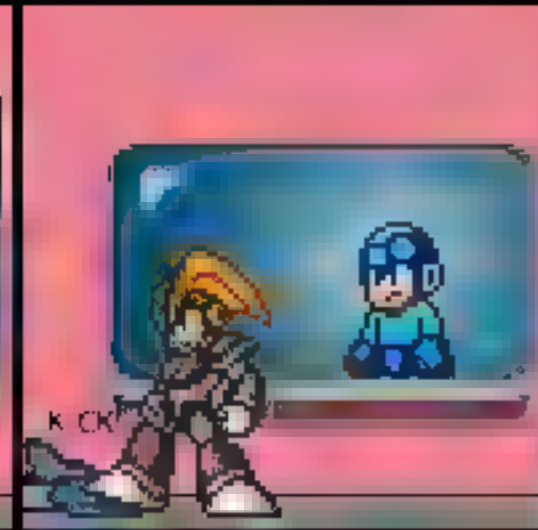
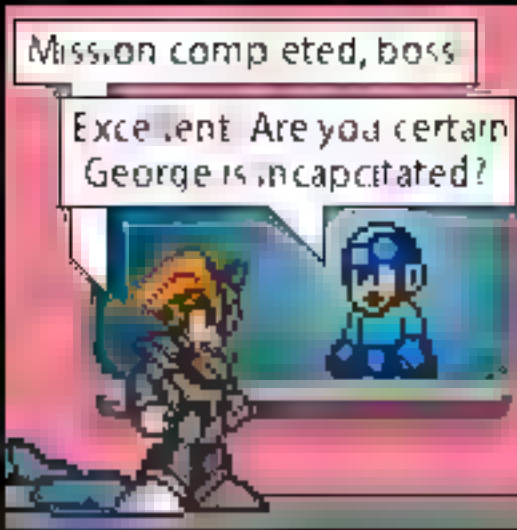
So be on the look out  
for anything suspicious



It's too good to be true  
to good to be true

**Free Ice Cream  
No Poison**





BLAM!! BLAM!!

Excellent... my plans are moving along nicely



splat.



plav

With Ba,, doing all the work, I can concentrate on defeating Dr. Light



Aaaargggghhh!!!



Ba,, Arent you done yet?

Yes, boss Can I take a quick break now?



splat.




Fine, you big baby Five minutes and then you have to go! Nate



Thanks, boss





Dr. Light... where are youuu?  
I'm here to kill youuuuu....

Come out, come out,  
wherever you are....

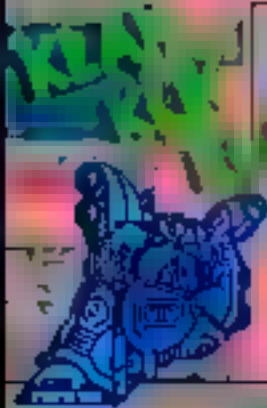
Hey, what's that

He... o, Mega Man...

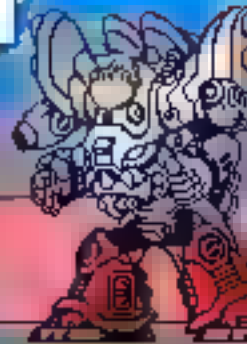
Oh crap

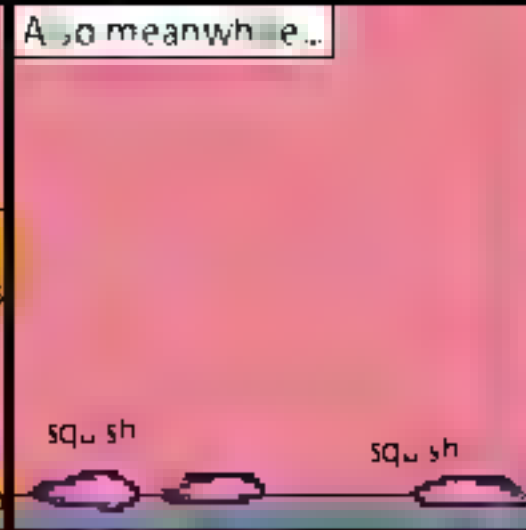
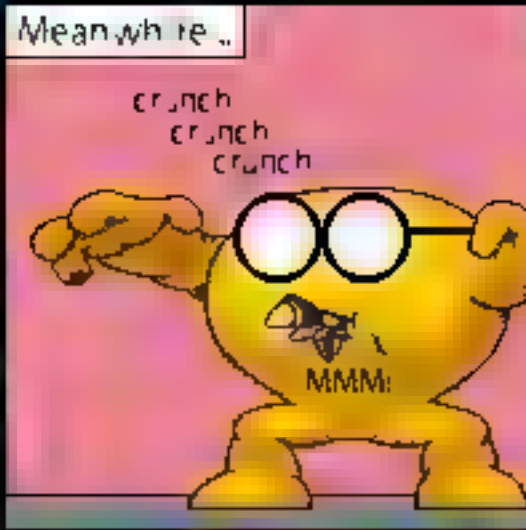
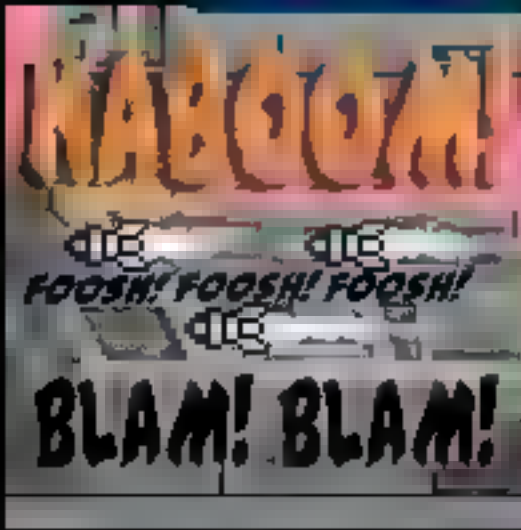
Just give up Mega  
Man! You can't win

Never!



Okay, fat boy  
Let's wrassie!







So I went over  
the Heideken plant?

He ended up making  
better beer than Beer  
so we let him keep it

Hey ever thought about  
making your own brand?

Nah everyone knows  
Light Beer is best

Man I am getting a drink

Right now I will wait till

drink you under  
the table old man

Bring it I'll be back

[Lade: You totally got drunk  
but it's over your head!]

You too

Sweet

1 hour later

Hey remember that time  
you made me strip & dance?

Yeah that was awesome

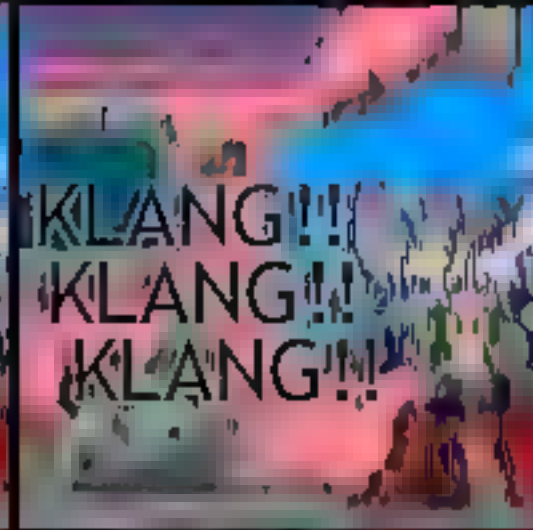
2 hours later

I love you can I have a hug?

Stay away from me

3 hours later

WAAAA [addy doesn't  
love me anymore!]



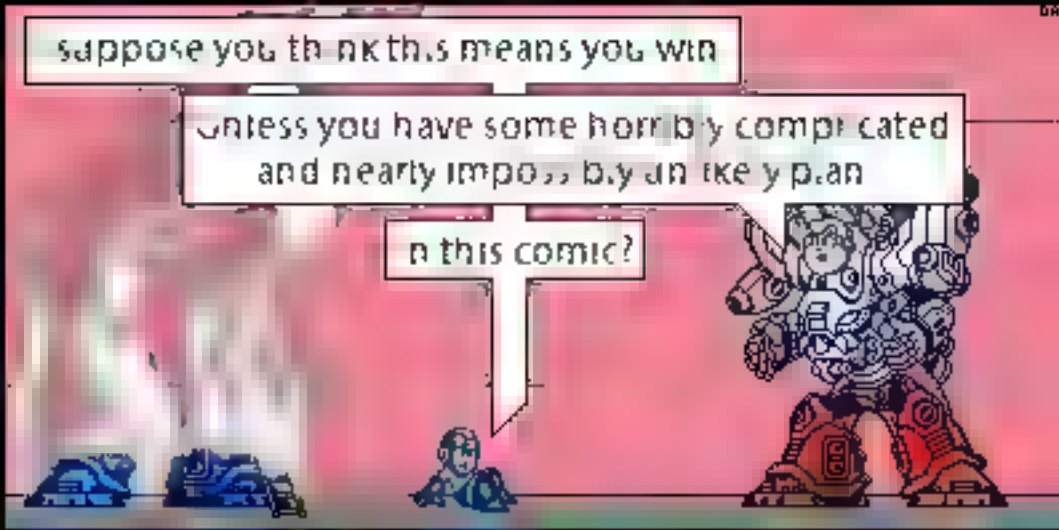
So this was your plan, was it? Get me so drunk  
I'd forget all about my plans for conquest?

Yeah pretty much

Oh, don't you think you're a smart? If you think, just  
getting me drunk is enough, you're sadly mistaken!

Perhaps, but I'm not the one that left my giant robot suit

Damn it



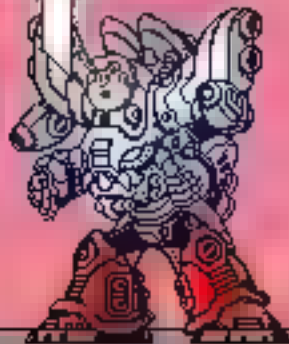
suppose you think this means you win

unless you have some horribly complicated  
and nearly impossible key plan

in this comic?

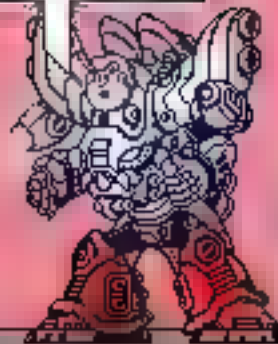
My sensors show your shields are down. You are defenceless. My next shot will destroy you.

I don't suppose your love of a wayward child would stay your hand?



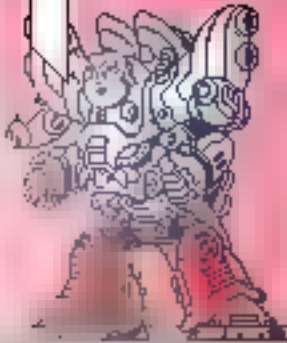
No, but don't worry, I probably rebuilt you.

Yay



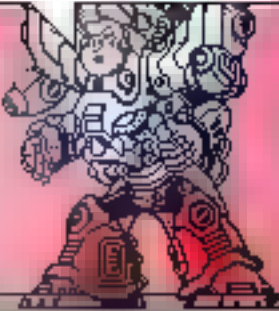
What... what are you doing?

I'm disappointed in you, Dr. Light.  
You of all people should know that  
above all else, I am the most powerful  
energy converter you've ever created.



So, you see, I'm just  
converting some energy!

On form eating feces...

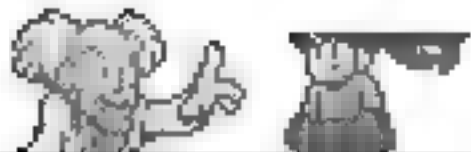








It all started many years ago when, as you might recall, I was given intelligence by Dr. Wily in an attempt to destroy my dumb lack, then returned to the past



And even though the intelligence was slightly evil, thanks to Dr. Wily, I was no threat to anyone... that is, until you decided to remove my intelligence to soothe your wounded ego

When I detected your intentions to make me stupid again, though I was wounded I was able to hide some of the intelligence away in a dark corner of my mind where I knew you would never find it



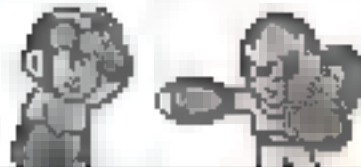
And there it lay dormant, getting more evil as the years passed, waiting for the time when... Hey! Are you sleeping? You can't sleep while I recount the freaking backstory! Wake up, you old bastard!

As I was saying, time passed and that spark of intelligence grew in its evil, awaiting the day it could be unleashed and finally get its revenge



Occasionally it would surface giving others hint that it still existed, but my pesky ethical programming prevented its true emergence

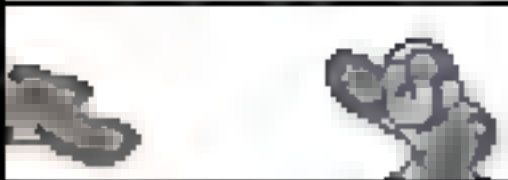
The intelligence decided the easiest way to disable the ethical programming was several blaster shots to the head. A quick irritant to my eye and my doccy took care of the rest



Wait a minute... you're saying you got shot in the head on purpose? How obviously idiotic.



With three blaster shots to the head my ethical programming was disabled but there was still one obstacle to my true intelligence being finally unleashed...



I had to find a way to destroy the subroutines that you had programmed into my head keeping me stupid. Until they were destroyed, I would be evil but evil in an incredibly idiotic way... And quite frankly I was completely stumped on how to destroy a part of my own brain...

That is until you tried to get me so drunk I wouldn't be able to kill you. Realizing it was the perfect opportunity, the evil rerouted my cortical pathways. When the alcohol reached my brain it simply deleted all of your idiotic programming. And now, my intelligence is free to do as it wishes.



What about Bass?

That baffoon?



He may have proven  
not entirely worthless  
in the past but he is  
just too unpredictable  
to be allowed to live



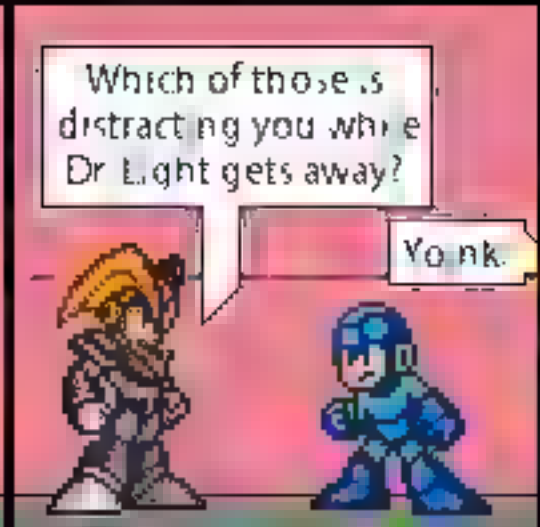
Aren't you worried  
he'll find out?

Not at all. How would he..



Damn..





Damn. Now, have to chase  
Dr. Light down again!

Uh oh...

What's uh oh?



We I, there's the distinct  
possibility that I forgot  
to actually put Roll in the  
basement, and now she's  
standing right behind you.



Roll, your hair  
looks like shit.

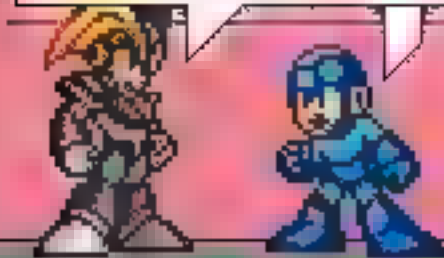






Now then Bass, I could've sworn I told you to take her to the basement...

Um... yeah... guess I forgot



Is there anything else you might have forgotten to do that you should probably tell me about?



You mean like how I might've accidentally forgotten to properly dispose of Chad ing?





Now Chad nq, I understand  
how you might be just a  
little upset at me for trying  
to have you killed, but...



Jesus Ba Didnt you  
actually kill anyone?!

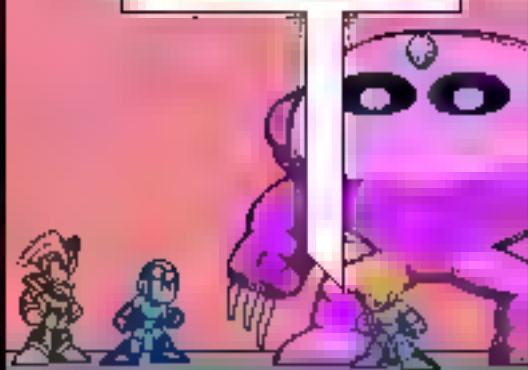
Well, enough of this. I feel compelled to inform the two of you that I anticipated the possibility that Bass would betray me and use a non-lethal poison in that ice cream.



So, I added explosive self-replicating nanobots into the ice cream. By now there should be one in each cell of your bodies, ready to turn you into a fine mist with but a wave of my hand.



I hate godmoders.



Wait a minute... a title character! You can't kill me!

Watch me



We probably should've moved back a bit first...

Ew...

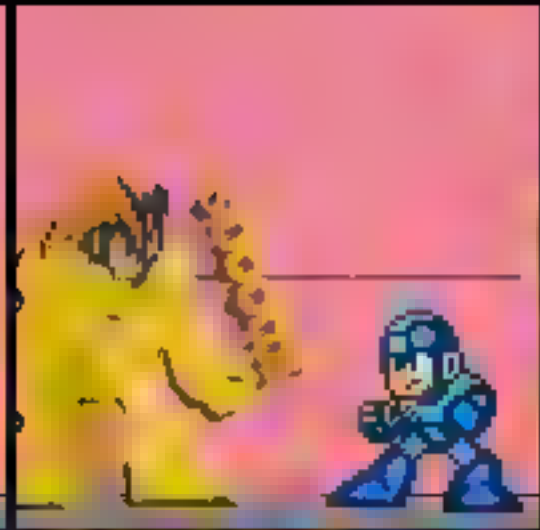
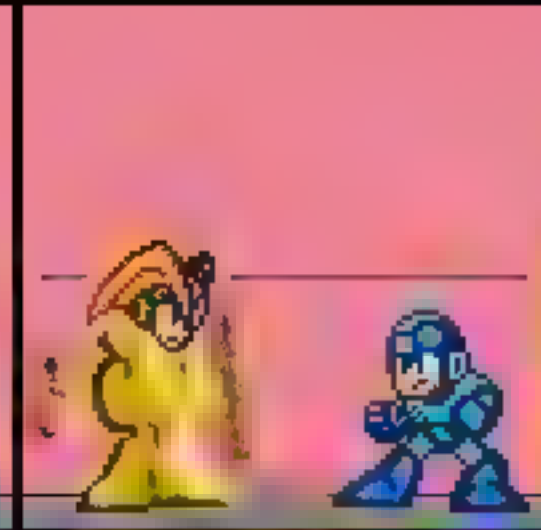
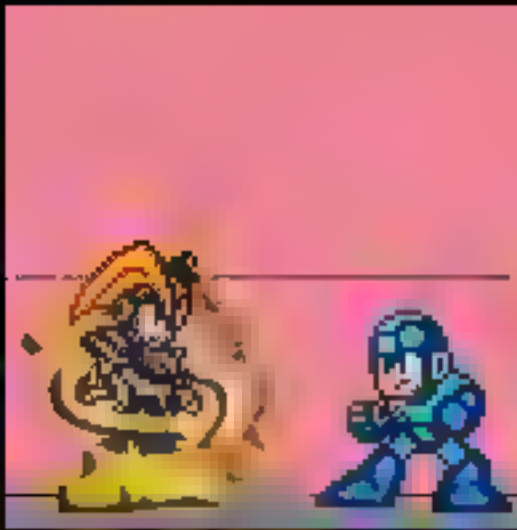


Now that we're all cleaned up, I guess it's time to kill you for betraying me Bass.

Uh... what about Nate?

Oh damn. Let me guess you failed to kill him and now he's standing right behind me, right?

Not exactly...



How?

Remember when you sent me off to destroy Nate?



Well, it turns out that Yellow Demons have the amazing ability to merge with other biomechanical organisms



Nate had a much better grasp of the situation than anyone might have guessed and he merged with me to stop you

Wow... what's it feel like?

Deliciously squishy









Okay so things are  
def,nite y not turning  
out how planned



I could probab y defeat  
Bate, but I d be so weak  
afterwards the others  
wou d be able to stop me



I d say things cou dn t get  
any worse, but that wou d  
certainly make something  
worse happen, so I won t



Neverthe ess e sewhere ..

!!!!!!!

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Clunk!



AHA. TREMBLE IN FEAR.  
MORTALS MYND HAS...



Where is everyone?



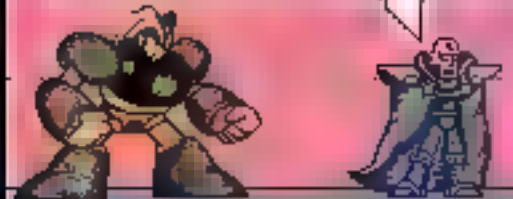


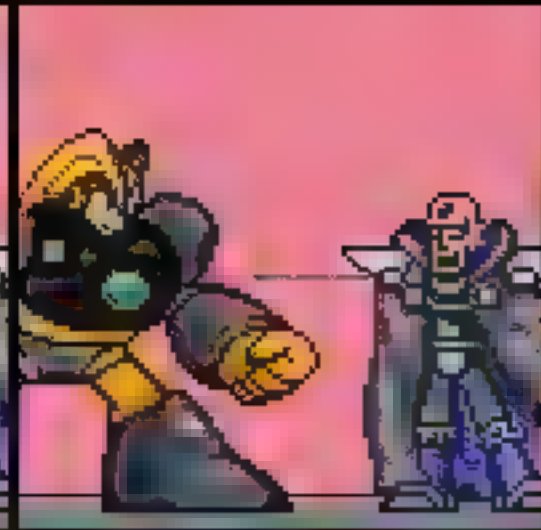
Now Bate I'm sure we can  
resolve this peacefully...



WINGGSLASH

Damn... probably should've  
closed that. Sorry my bad





Well, Mega Man's gone, so we here at Bob and George have decided to take a break from continuity to tie up some loose ends



So, for the next few days leading up to Halloween, I'll be answering some questions that some of the fans have been asking



Now, some of you might be asking right now, but Author aren't you still stuck in that stupid jar?



Of course I am... as far as anyone else knows



Today we'll answer  
the question of what  
happened to Roll



As you might recall, she  
recovered from Mega Man's  
first blast only to confront  
him and be shot again

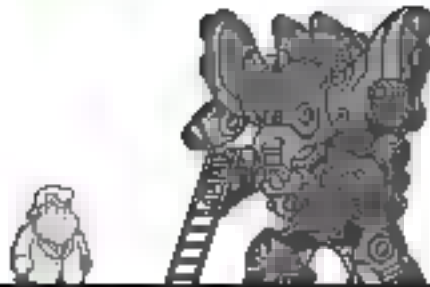
But fear not readers, for  
in reality she was merely  
blown clear by the blast.  
Remember, no one ever  
really dies in this comic.

Well, until Roll gets her  
hands on Mega Man, that's



Am going to KILL H.M.

So, now we know what happened to Rol. but what about Dr. Light? After Bass distracted Mega Man where did he go?



Did he go back to his lab to work on a new robotic body with which to defeat Mega Man?

Or perhaps he was designing a powerful weapon with which to destroy Mega Man?



Or not ..



Dr. Light?

Rol?

BATHROOM

FOR HIDING



I said earlier that no one really ever dies in the comic, but what does that mean for George and Chadling?



It's one thing for a Purple Demon to reconstitute himself from being vaporized, but humans don't have that luxury

squish



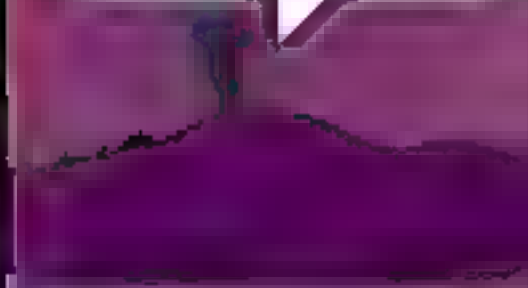
squish



Does this mean George is dead? As in, really dead? As in, never ever coming back? Of course not

Stupid title characters

He probably thinks I got some Chadling up my nose



And last but not least everyone seems to be wondering about Bob



Where's Bob? Why isn't Bob helping to stop Mega Man? Doesn't he hate Mega Man? Wouldn't he help stop him?



The last time we saw Bob he was running away from the Poke-Authors. As you might recall, Bob has a phobia of Poke-creatures.

And so, freaked out Bob opened a random porta and jumped in...

**WARNING!**  
**INTRUDER ALERT!**



Uh oh..



Hey bub, seen any ice cream around here?

Who re you supposed to be?

I'm the Spectre. Damnit don't you people read comic books?

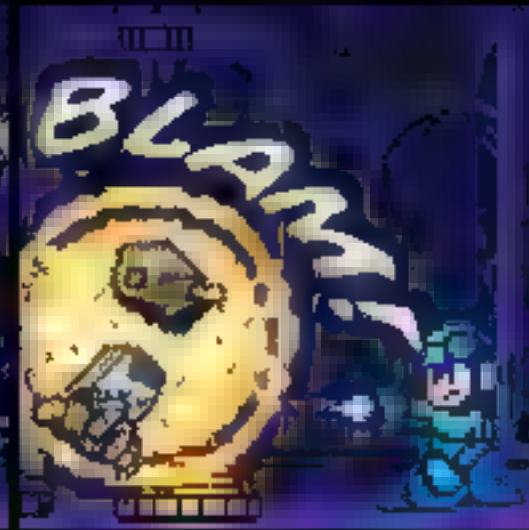
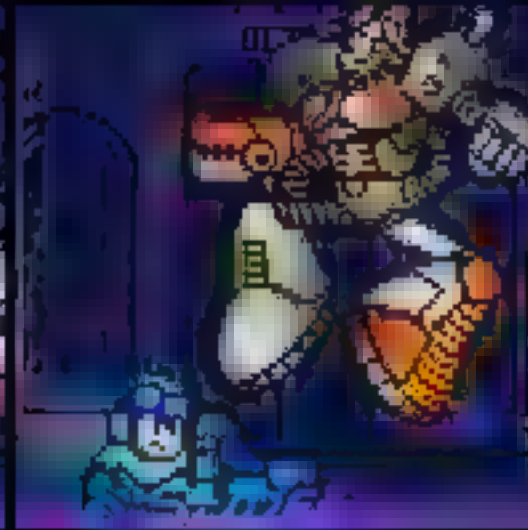
I suddenly have this urge to destroy Tokyo

Oops! Sorry, Roil

That's okay, George, I'm sure it happens to lots of guys

Aren't you supposed to be in another dimension?

Ack. Logic... like... kryptonite...

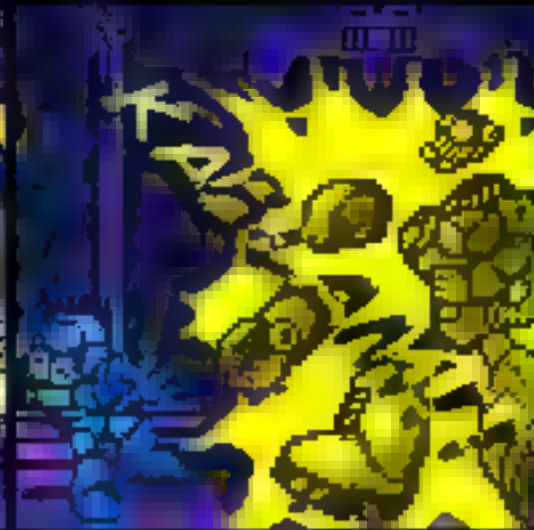



**DIE!**

Oh frisky are we?


**CRITICAL**

That's using your head






Yes, No Robot Master  
can stand before me



Scuse me...

Yeah?



Oh dat s gotta hurt

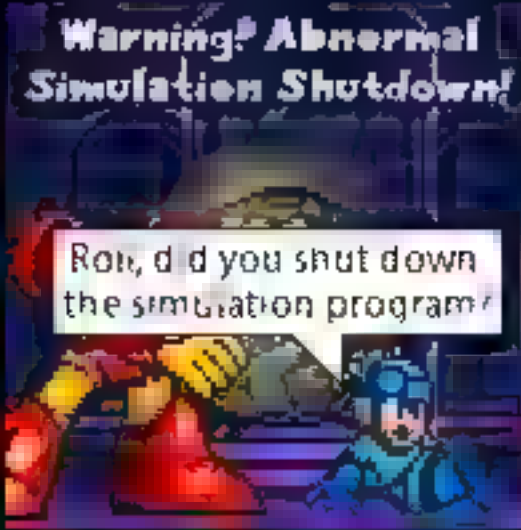
And now to crush ya like  
the little blue bag ya are

Mommy!

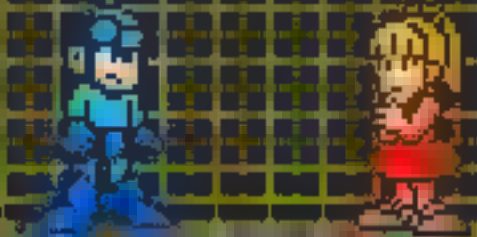
MEEP!

Great googly moog y!

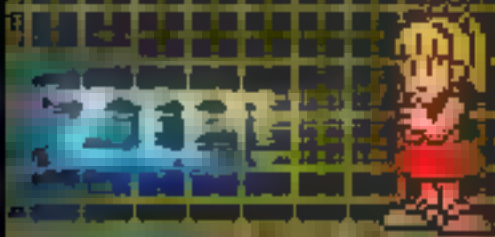
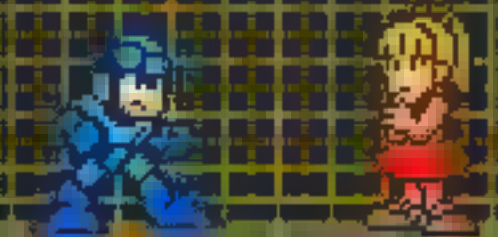




Warning! Space-time  
Anomaly Detected!  
in Sub-section 3C!

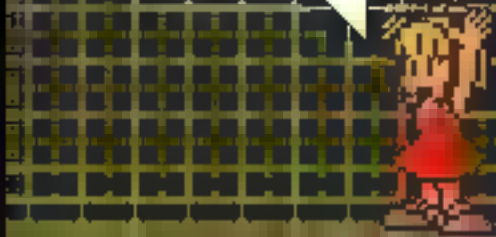


That means a Possible  
Intrusion Detected!  
Move it, Moron!



I need a new  
frickin' job...

Fight or For  
everlasting peace



Stupid damn Poke-freaks  
I hate them so much...  
And now I'm lost in the  
damn multiverse again



What the hell?  
A security system?



Why would there be  
a security system, n...



Mega Man for the sake  
of your continued  
existence, I'll pretend  
you didn't, just do that



Mega Man? Who's that? I'm  
**ROCK MAN!**



What in the hell?

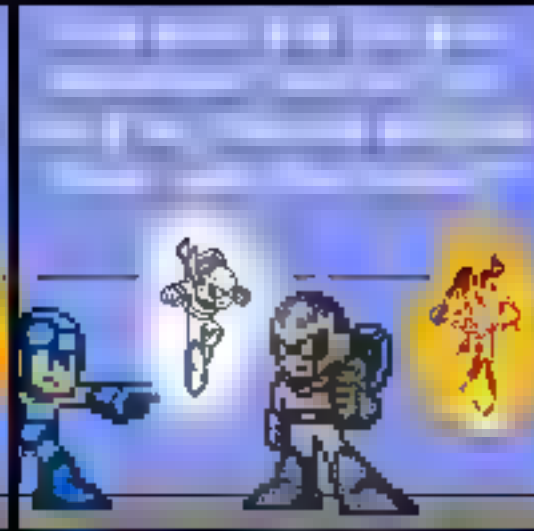
Wait a tick. Blue, it's you!  
I didn't recognize you with  
the different color scheme



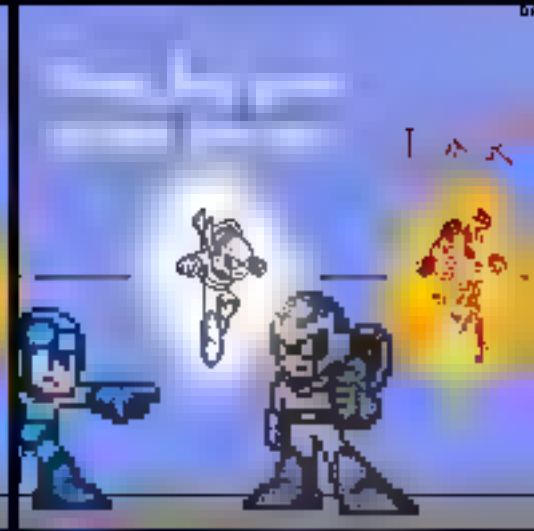
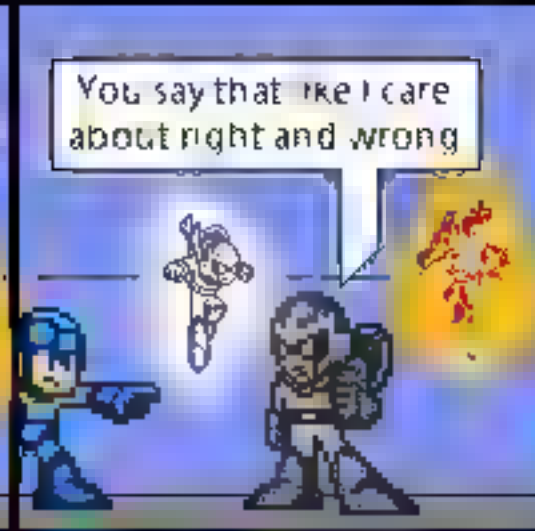
Oh damn I thought I  
gotten rid of you guy,



What are you doing here? thought I'd gotten rid of you



You say that like I care about right and wrong



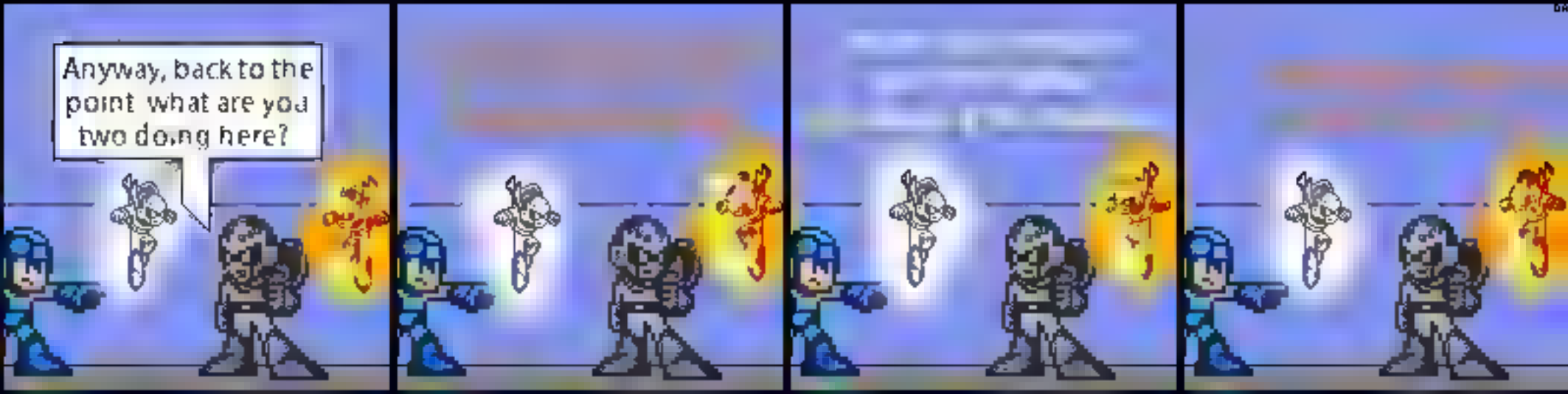
And what about you, Mr  
Devil. On My Shoulder?

It's not like I'm a  
devil. I'm a  
devil.

News flash bright boy  
I'm a ready evil. What  
do I need you for?

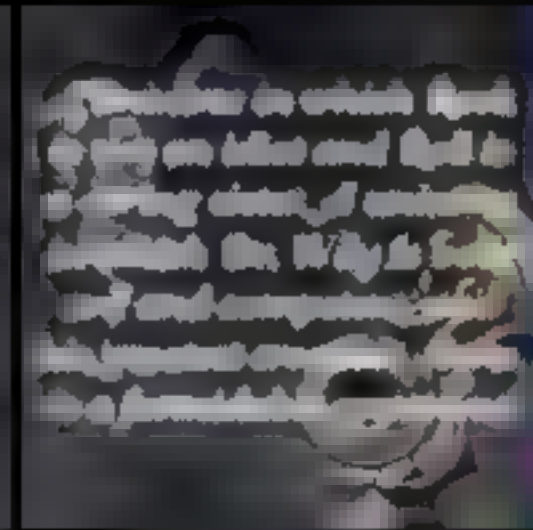
I'm not a devil  
I'm a devil. I'm a  
devil. I'm a devil.

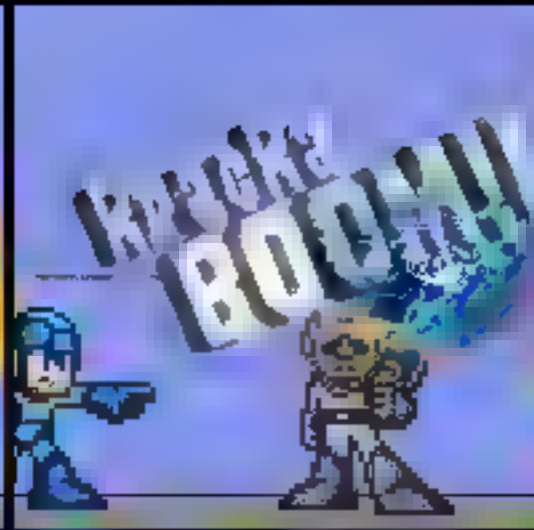
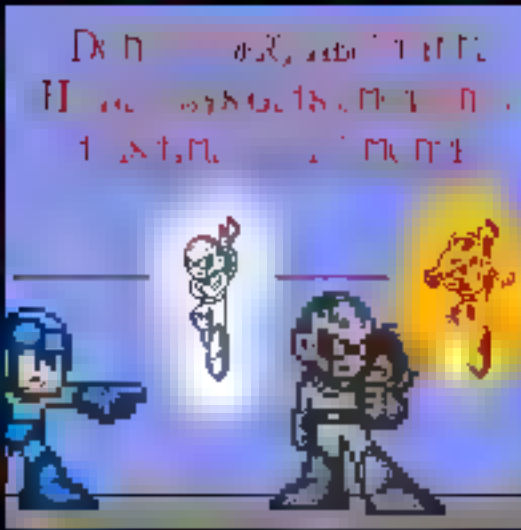
Anyway, back to the point what are you two doing here?











In s way, Blues! Dr R ight  
wil be so g ad to see you



Dr R ight: I thought it was  
pronounced Dr L ight



Rea y? Frank y, we ve  
never been ab e to tel...



Wock Man Who have you  
bwought with you? Bwges!

Oh dear god...







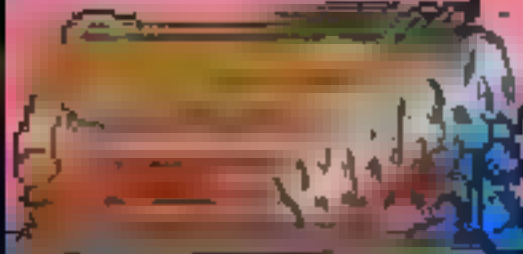
Oh wook. Doctow Wight's  
face is tuwn ng awwwwed!



Rock Man to Ro... need an  
emergency pickup before  
Dr. Right has an aneurysm



ZOOOM!

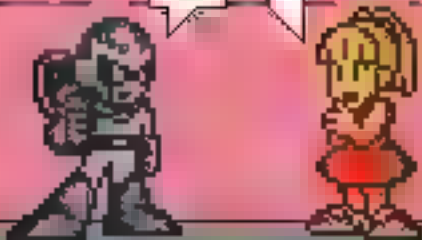


UWGE to K:WW... WIS,NG...



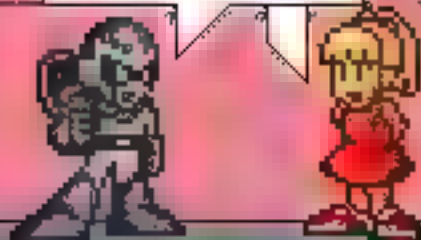
Sorry about the sudden  
pick up Bide, but I had  
to get you out of there

Eh



Say, would you like  
something to eat? That  
is, assuming you still eat

Do you have any  
instant noodles?



instant noodles? Are you  
kidding? This is Japan!  
instant noodles comprise  
90% of Dr Right's diet!

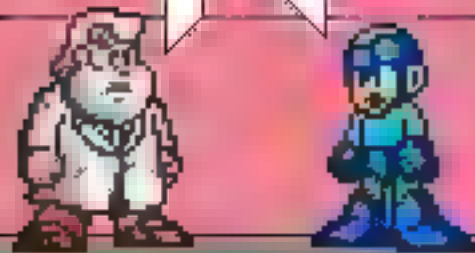


Then how the  
hell is he so fat?



Bwues is acting vewy odd

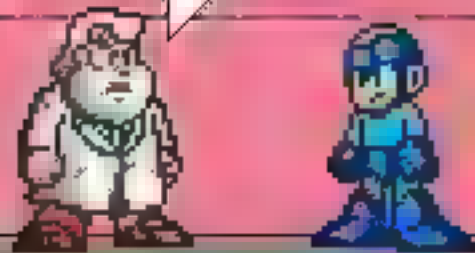
hard y wou d know



Now that you ment on  
it I've been fee ing  
very odd myse,f ately  
I've been hav ng a hard  
time concentrat ng



Aww of this oddness  
began when Bwues  
weappeawed Pewhaps  
you shou d invest gate



Weappeawed?

JUST GO!







Don't you see what's happening? Rocks turning stupid, Rolf turning irritable...



Don't you realize what this means? My presence is corrupting this universe!



Rol, do we have anymore ice cream?

Get it yourself, moron.



Dr...ght You have  
to help me! m...



Oh... Bwhe... could you  
help me find my beew?  
...ent to have dwopped t



I... am... so... pssed...  
off... right... now...

fizz.



Pfoof! Pfoof!



You know, it's not very nice to teleport someone without their permission.



Well, the damage is already done, so there's no point in complaining, right?



Wait, where are we?  
Is this the Cataclysm?

Hmm... maybe should've taken a left at Albuquerque.



So... if this isn't the  
Cataclysm, what  
are we doing here?



I had to make a  
stop. Stay here,  
I be right back.

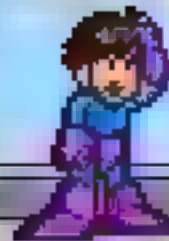


Pfoof!



Hi there!

Well there's something  
you don't see every day



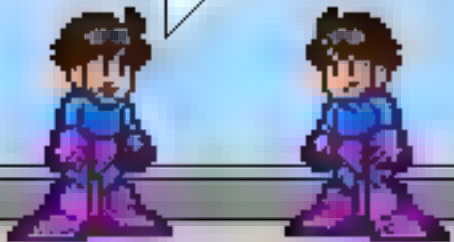


So how from into the  
future are you from?

Oh just a few months

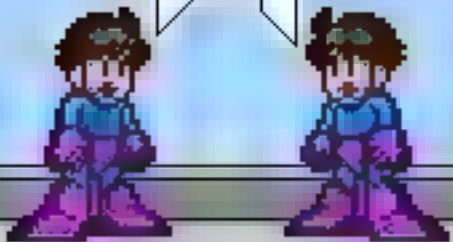


Anything particularly  
interesting happen?



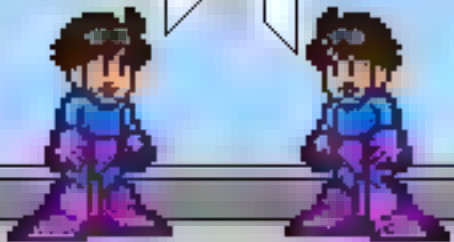
Well, Mega Man turned evil  
and tried to kill everyone

Really?



Kinda There's more to  
it, but you won't know  
what it is until you're me

Natbunnies



Well, I should get going  
Gotta move the storyline  
along and a... you know



It was nice talking  
to y... er... uh... me

Bye



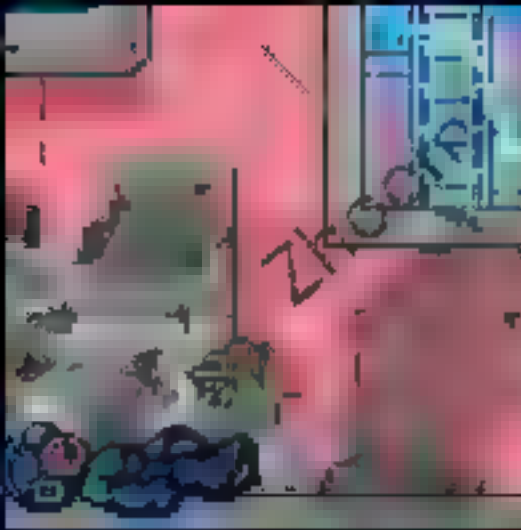
Pfoof!

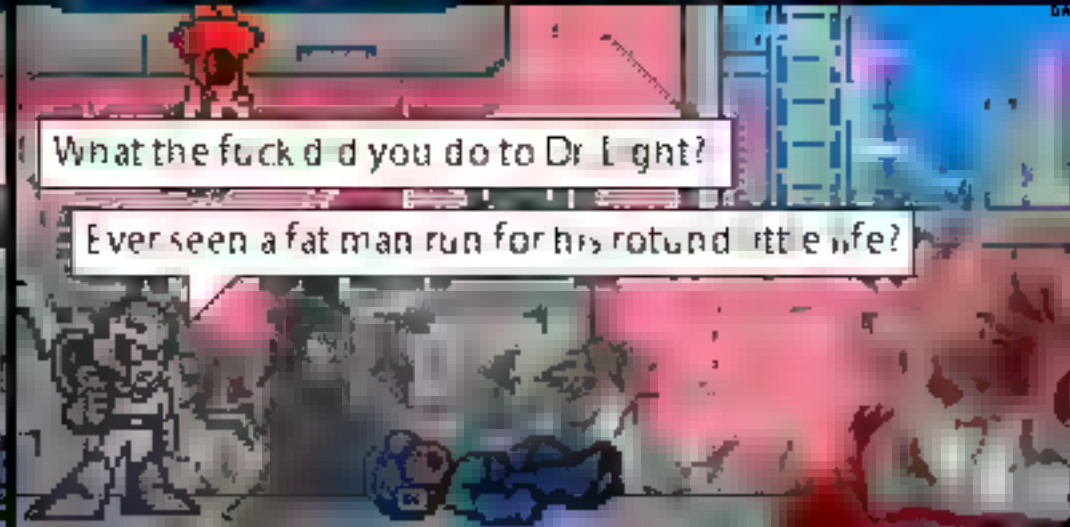
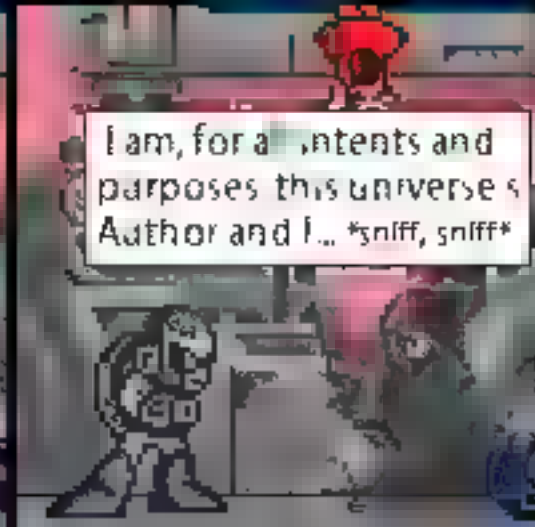


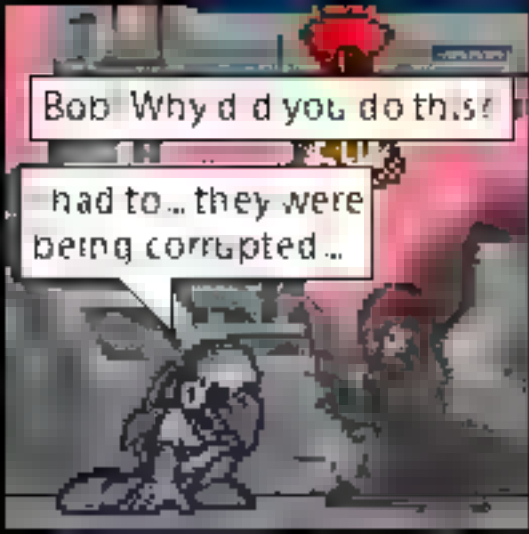
Wait, does this  
make me crazy?





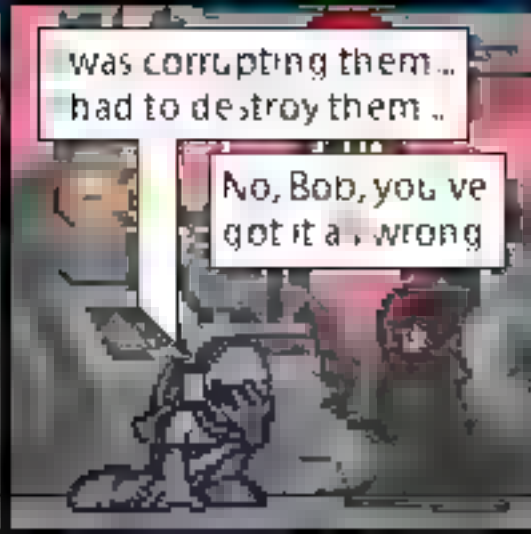




A pixelated comic strip panel showing a character with a red flower on their head (Bob) on the right and a character with a red flower on their head (the author) on the left. The author is speaking.

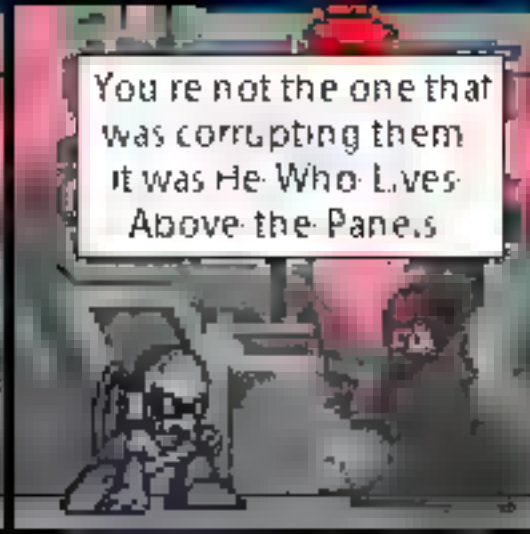
Bob Why d d you do this?

had to... they were  
being corrupted...

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. Bob is speaking.

was corrupting them...  
had to destroy them..

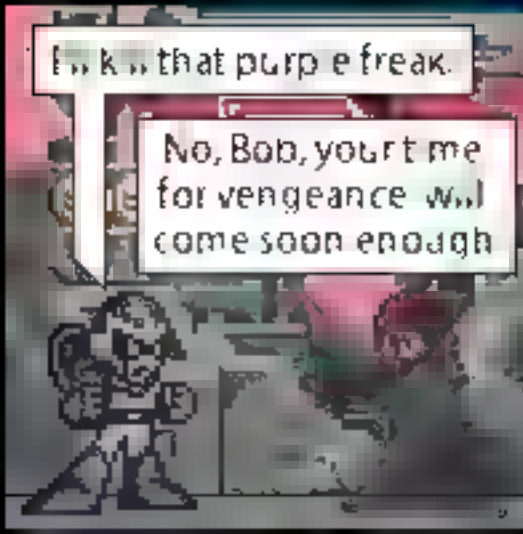
No, Bob, you ve  
got it a , wrong

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The author is speaking.

You re not the one that  
was corrupting them  
it was He Who Lives  
Above the Panels

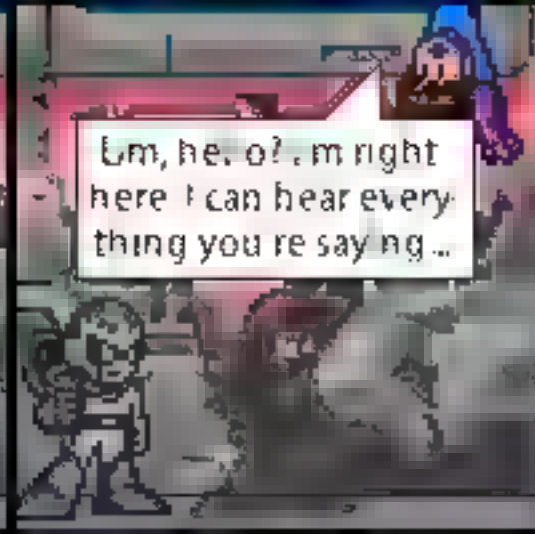
A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The author is speaking.

**AUTHORRRRR!!!**

A pixelated comic strip panel showing a character with a beard and a blue hat on the right, looking towards a character on the left. The character on the left is partially obscured by a large speech bubble.

I know that purple freak.

No, Bob, your time  
for vengeance will  
come soon enough

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking, and a speech bubble points to him.


Um, he, o? .m right  
here I can hear every-  
thing you're saying...

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking, and a speech bubble points to him.

So?


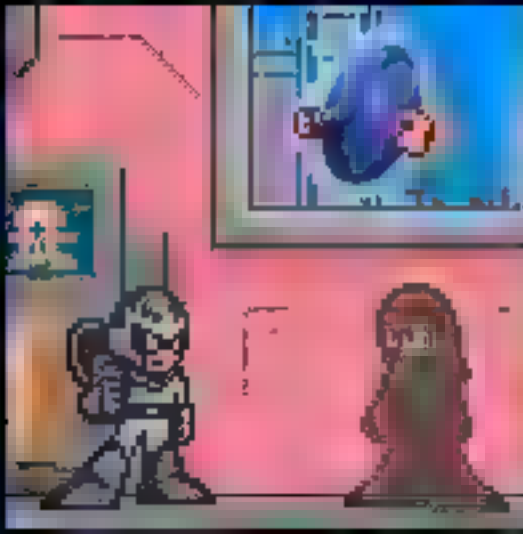


And

I hate you both...



Anyway, let's just  
reset everything...

Kerplunk!



I can't believe  
you just did that

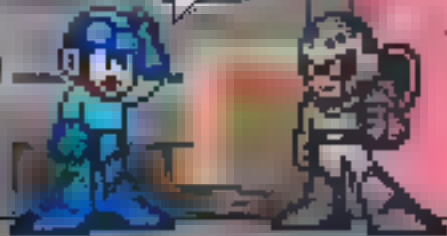
What? Like that show

We I, I should get going  
Do you promise not to kill  
anyone while I'm gone?

No

Whatever

Oh my... what happened?  
I feel so strange Blue?



Um... you felt down

Oh... how odd



Oh no! Dr. Right!

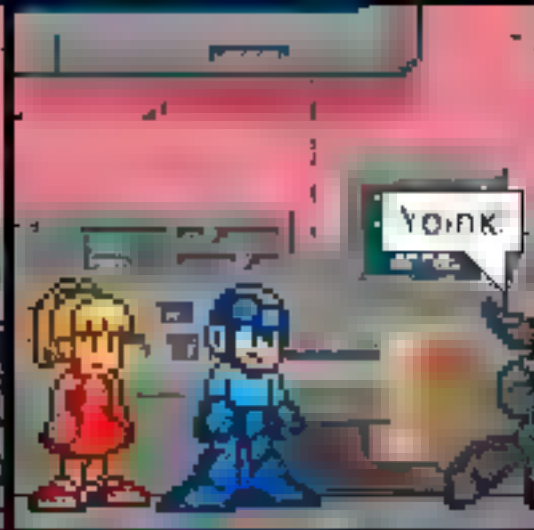
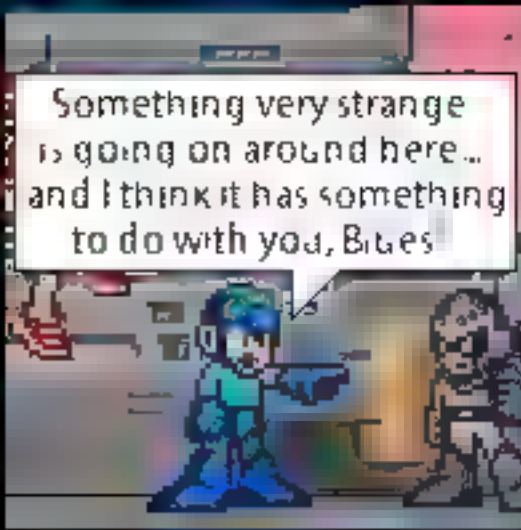


Uh... he felt down too









How's it going?

Not good The computer  
can't seem to pick up on  
Blues internal transponder

How's Dr. Right?

He was just unconscious,  
He should wake up soon

Good

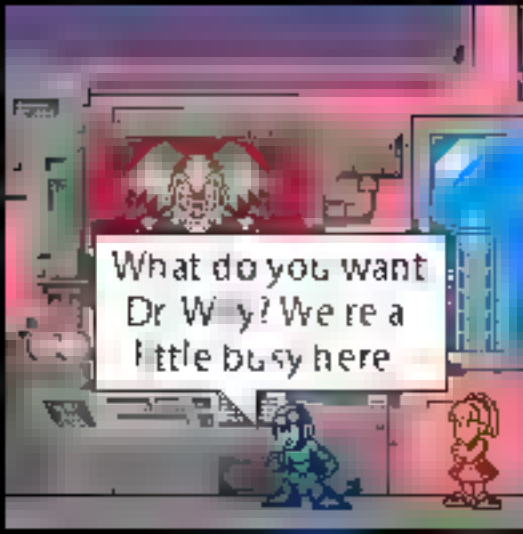
What's going on Rock?

I don't know but at  
least I don't think it  
can get any worse

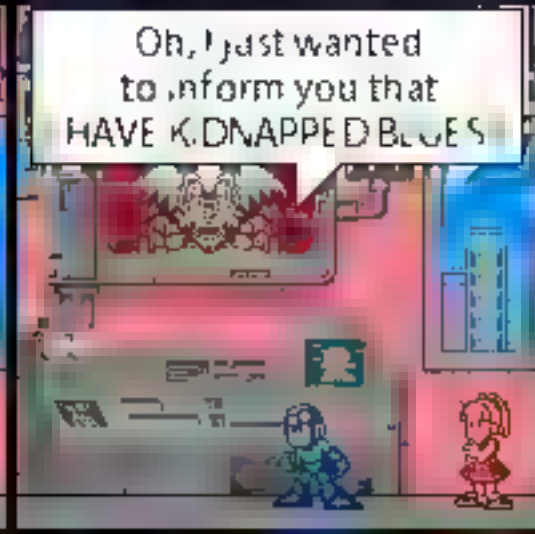
\*blink\*

**Mwehehehe!!**


Damn it



What do you want  
Dr. Wily? We're a  
little busy here



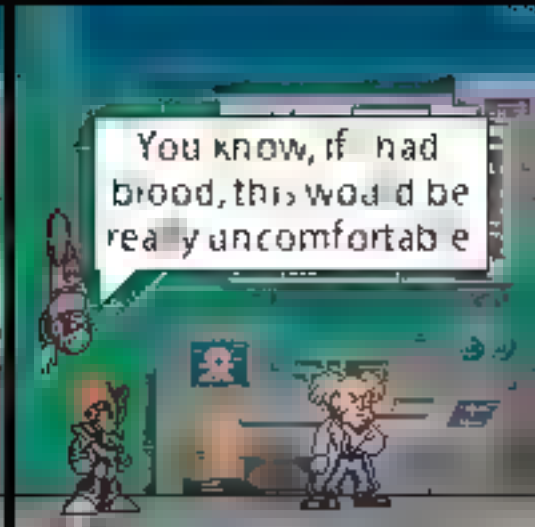
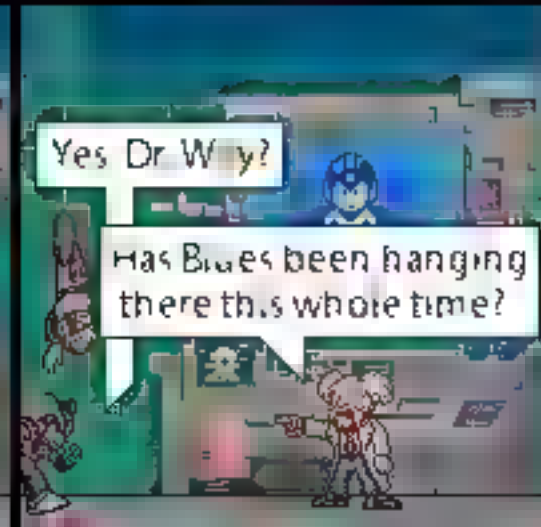
Oh, I just wanted  
to inform you that  
HAVE KIDNAPPED BLUES

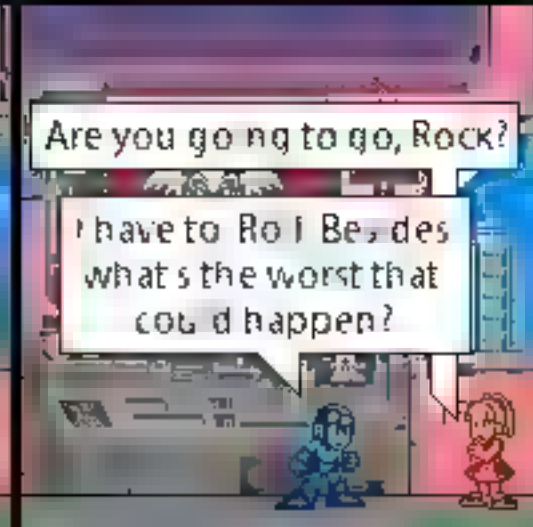
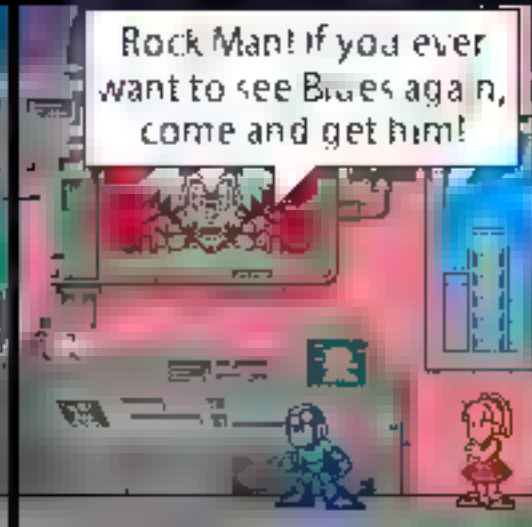


Really? That was fast  
He was just here



I... he... what?





This is absolutely terrible!  
Everything's going wrong



It's like we're all trapped  
in some horrible comic!



I'm not programmed  
to deal with this!!



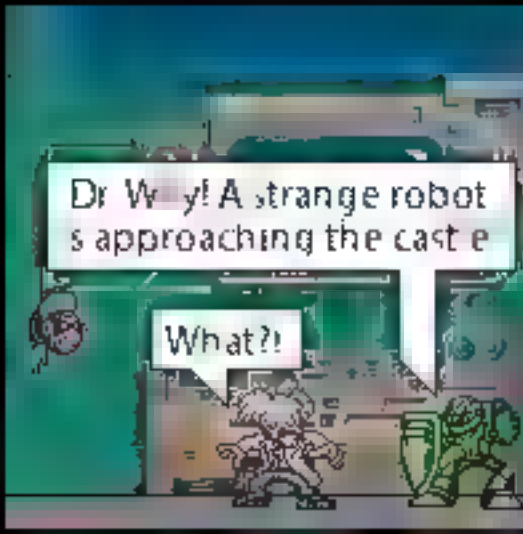
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA



Wow... who would've  
thought that I'd get  
captured too?


Well hey at least now  
that we're together, we  
have some time for some  
family bonding right?

Do you have any idea  
how hard it is to be cool  
and mysterious when  
hanging upside down?

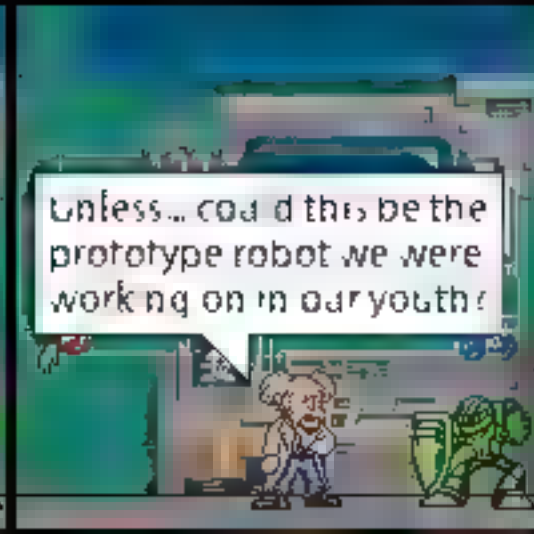
A comic strip panel showing a boy with spiky brown hair and a red shirt looking surprised. A large green robot with a shield on its chest stands to his right. In the background, there are stylized buildings and a small red robot flying in the sky.

Dr. Wily! A strange robot  
is approaching the castle.


What?!

A comic strip panel showing the boy looking thoughtful with his hand on his chin. The green robot is still standing to his right. The background is the same as the first panel.

How could Dr. Right  
have built a new  
robot so quickly?!

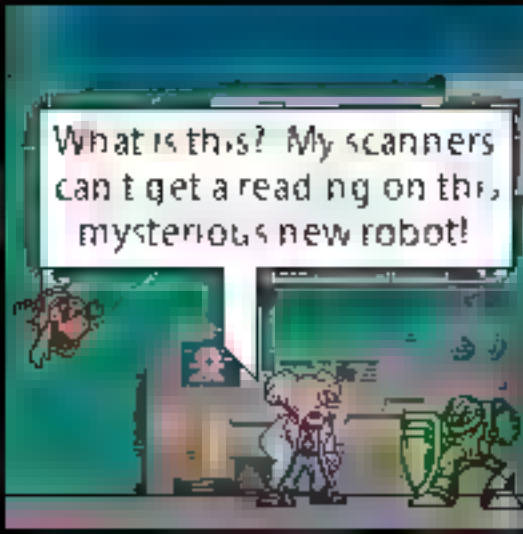
A comic strip panel showing the boy looking thoughtful. The green robot is still standing to his right. The background is the same as the first panel.

Unless... could this be the  
prototype robot we were  
working on in our youth?


A comic strip panel showing the boy pointing his finger towards the green robot. The green robot is still standing to his right. The background is the same as the first panel.

Oh wait... I already  
captured him.

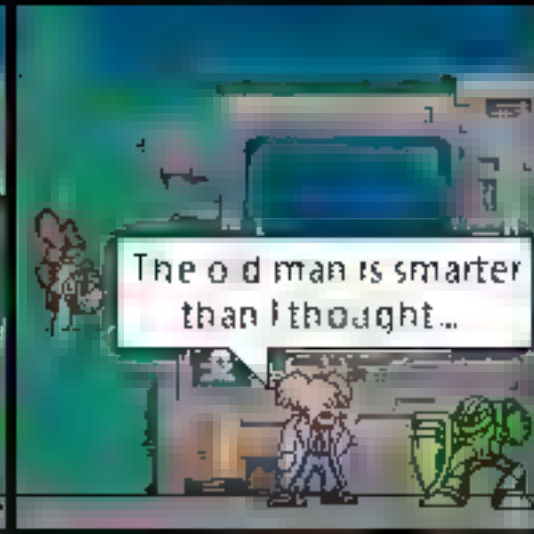


A comic panel showing a man in a white lab coat and a green robot in a city at night. The man is looking at the robot with a speech bubble.

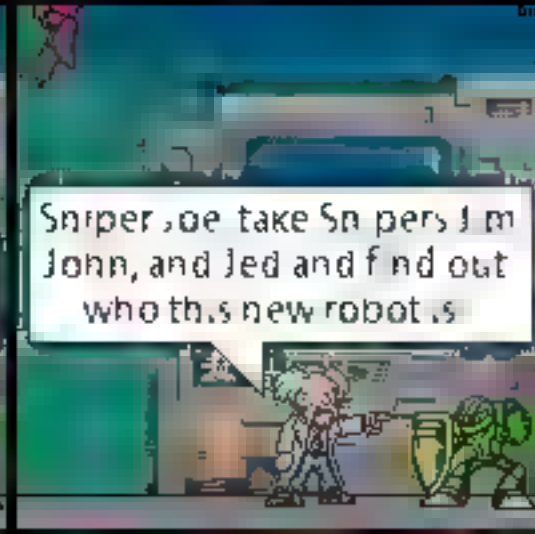
What is this? My scanners  
can't get a reading on this  
mysterious new robot!

A comic panel showing the man and the robot. The man is looking at the robot with a speech bubble.

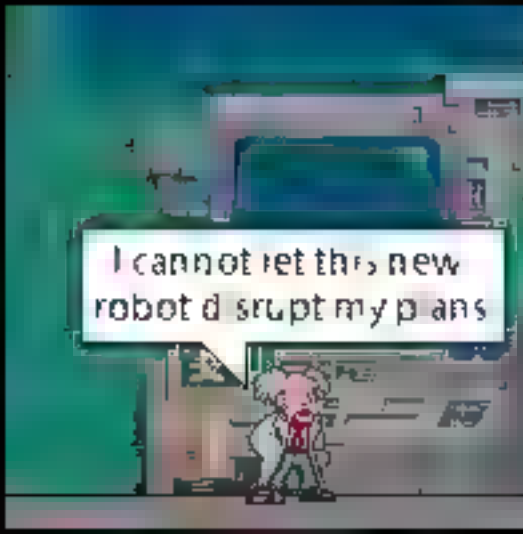
Has Dr. Right created  
new armor impervious  
to my scanners?!

A comic panel showing the man and the robot. The man is looking at the robot with a speech bubble.


The old man is smarter  
than I thought...

A comic panel showing the man and the robot. The man is looking at the robot with a speech bubble.


Sniper, we take Snipers Jim  
John, and Ted and find out  
who this new robot is



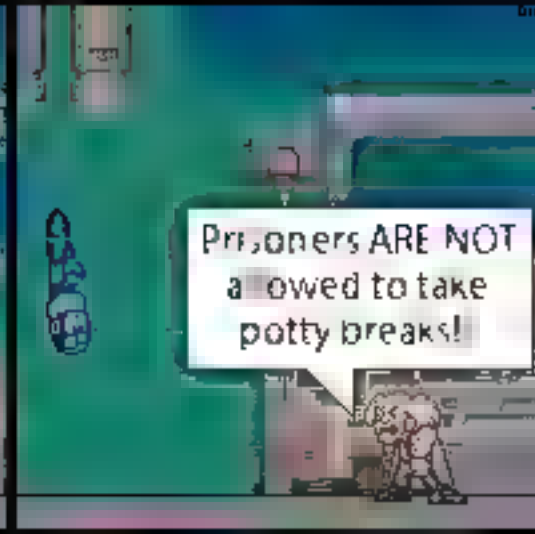
I cannot let this new robot disrupt my plans



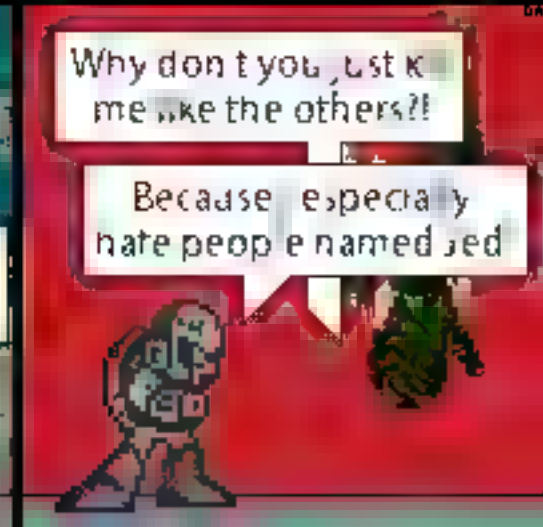
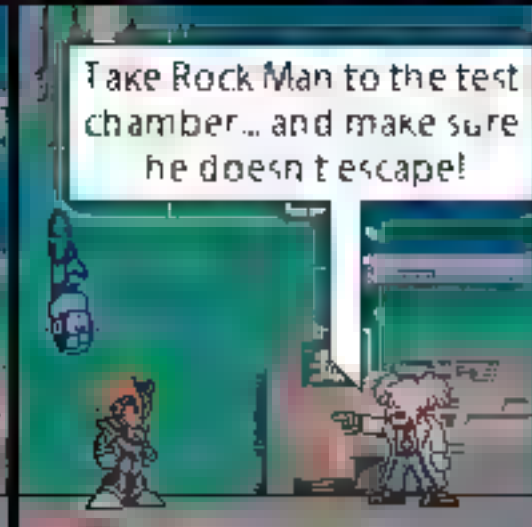
It's time to move my...  
Where the hell's Blues?

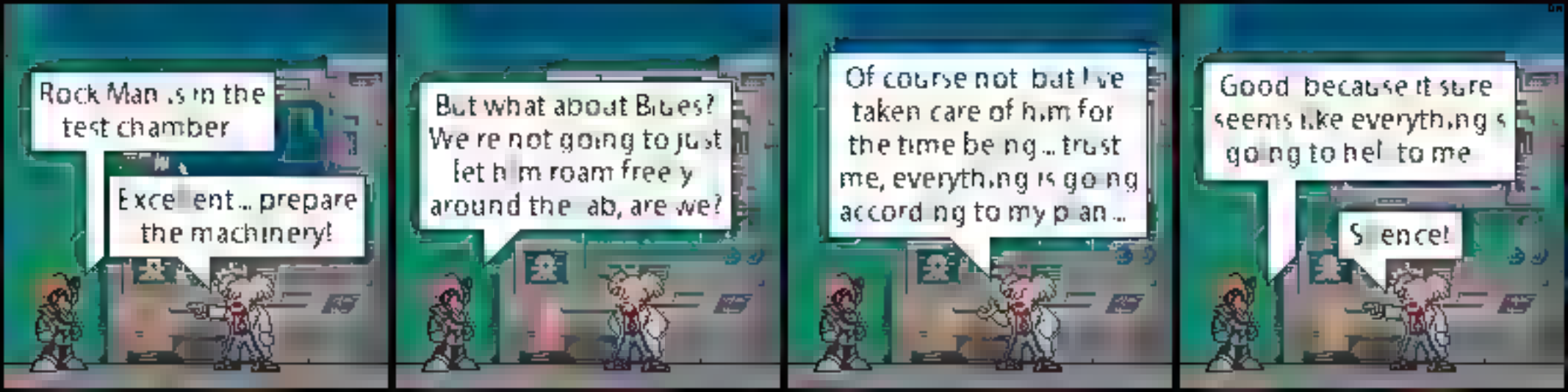


...hm... he went to  
the bathroom?



Prisoners ARE NOT  
allowed to take  
potty breaks!





Rock Man is in the  
test chamber

Excellent... prepare  
the machinery!

But what about Blues?  
We're not going to just  
let him roam freely  
around the lab, are we?

Of course not but I've  
taken care of him for  
the time being... trust  
me, everything is going  
according to my plan...


Good because it sure  
seems like everything's  
going to help to me

Sience!

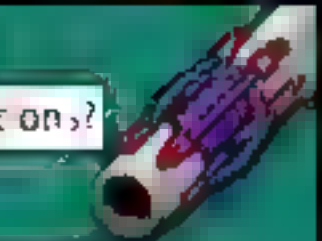


Wakey wakey Rock Man...

Oh... my head...



Welcome to my special test chamber, where I shal. test my latest invention on you



Any quest on,?

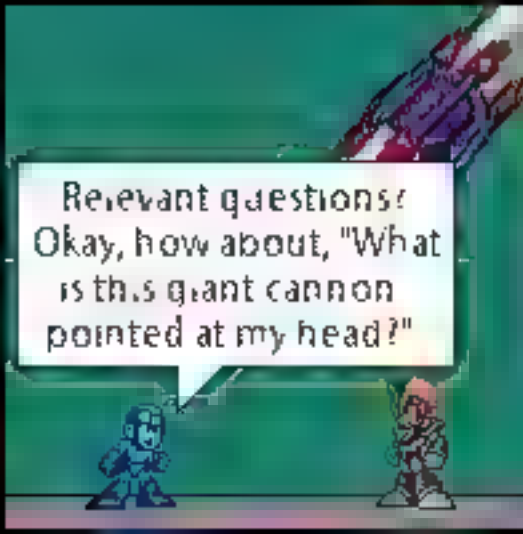
Yeah why is Forte so ugly?




Any relevant quest ons?

You're lucky, I'm not allowed to kill you

ptthbr

A comic strip panel showing two characters. On the left, a small character with a blue and white suit and a visor. On the right, a taller character with a red and white suit and a visor. A large speech bubble from the smaller character contains the text.

Relevant questions:  
Okay, how about, "What  
is this giant cannon  
pointed at my head?"

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. A speech bubble from the taller character contains the text.

Instead of telling  
you, why don't  
I just show you?

A comic strip panel showing the smaller character on the left cowering on the ground, surrounded by a cloud of black smoke. The taller character on the right is laughing. Two speech bubbles from the taller character contain the text.

Hee-hee

It tickles



Two Rock Man's?

Holy crap  
Holy crap!

WWAAAAAAAAA!  
My device works

Your device duplicates  
your worst enemy  
You're a freakin' genius

You don't understand  
it's not just a duplicate,  
it's an EVIL duplicate!



RAWRARRR!!  
RAWRARRRRRR!!



I'll kill you!  
Not in the face!

Well, I guess it's not  
such a bad idea then





Excellent! Everything  
is going perfectly!

My robot cloning  
gun, though silly  
in concept, works!

With it, I shall clone an army  
of whatever robot I choose  
and take over the world!

Though... I get the feeling  
I'm forgetting about  
something important



POW!

Yank!



Am Forte? Am Bass? I'm stupid!  
Why won't anyone help me?!

Whatever Say do you  
like my new hardo?

What the hell are you doing here? You're  
supposed to be in another dimension!

I know that! don't know why I'm here!  
I'm stupid Why won't anyone help me?!

Playing  
Metro d Prime  
Be Back Soon  
George  
& Author

My, my, doesn't this  
seem awfully familiar?

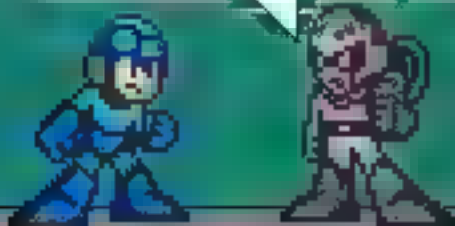


Hey that was some  
nice fighting there

Oh, thanks... and  
whoever you really are



Allow me to introduce  
myself properly My  
name's Bob I'm from  
an alternate dimension



Oh... so you're the Bites  
from another dimension?



Yes, that's exactly who I am



Well, I'd love to just stand here and chat, but aren't we still in the middle of a battle?



Oh yeah



OLA!!!



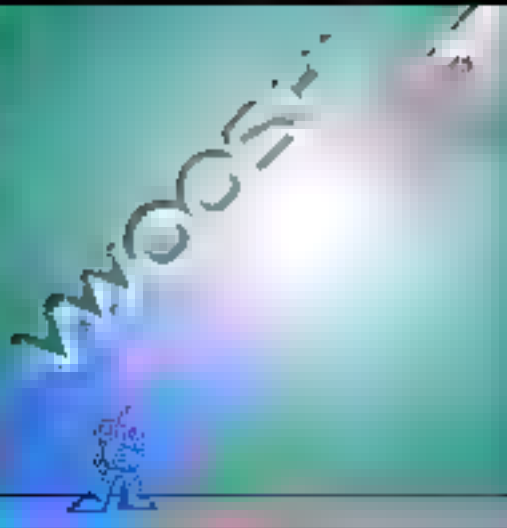
Holy crap

Did I mention I really hate clones?







Prepare to be cloned





We ?

Damn Windows FE









I don't understand this at all. How could my robot cloning gun not work?



I tested the contraption numerous times without any problems... wait!



You're not a robot!  
No shit, Sherlock. Next are you going to tell me Rock Man wears blue?



I don't like you very much  
...on the club



Now tell me what  
you're doing here

to do you don't know!



I think it's time we had an  
intervention for Dr. Light



Heh heh heh...



Eeeeeee Eeeee

Who're you again?

If you weren't so  
cute, I'd hurt you



You would've made  
an excellent clone  
army but no matter



For you see... I have already  
created my clone army!



Release the clones



Will have to kill you now  
You realize this right?



Pop quiz You've got a dozen clones surrounding you at baster point



You might be able to take a few of them out, but not before the rest of them finish you off



What do you do?  
WHAT DO YOU DO?



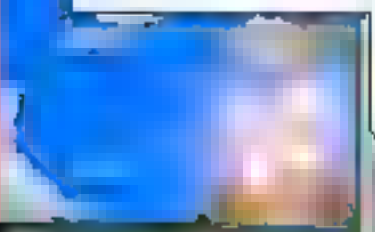
Sometimes I'm so dabolcally clever it hurts



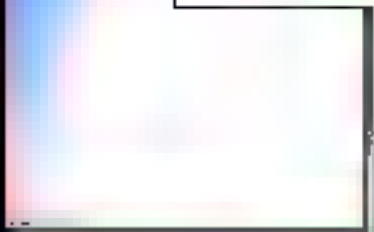
Let's see now...  
mop, mop, mop...



Hmm... it looks like all  
we've got is a broom...

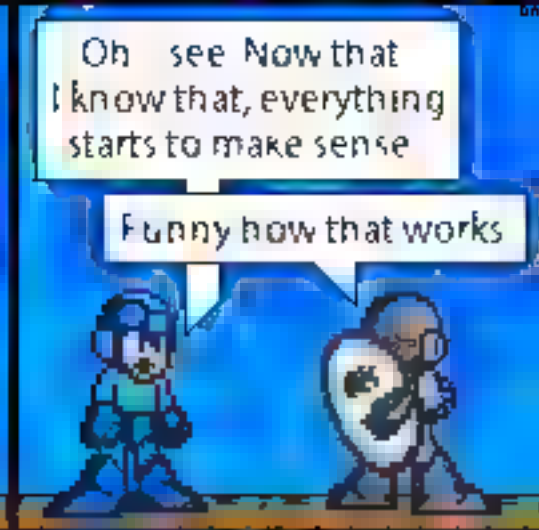
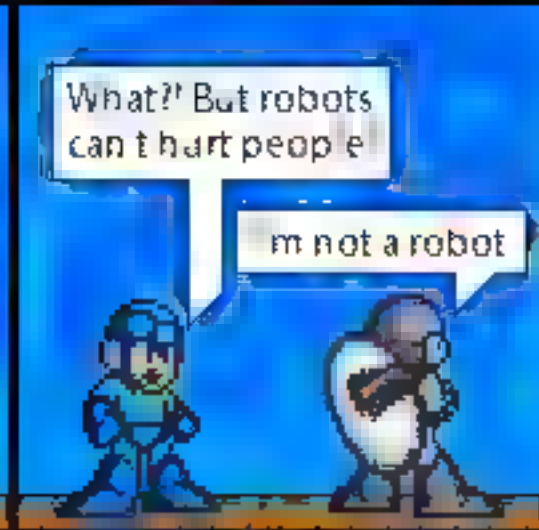
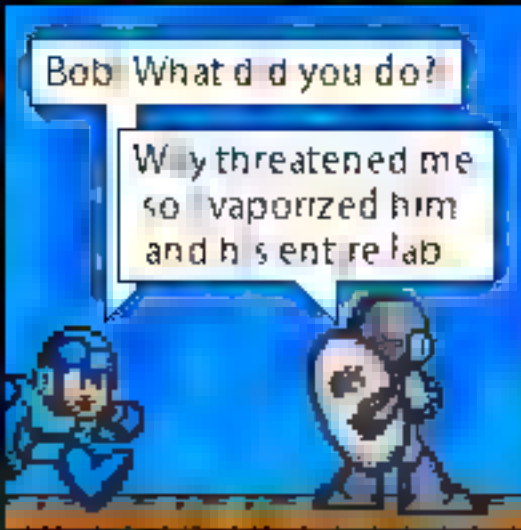


guess it I just  
have to do



wonder how  
Bob's doing





You know, I hate to break this to you but you did just utterly destroy my dreaded archnemesis...

Now tell me what am supposed to do without a dreaded archnemesis?

54  
Somewhere near Acapulco...

You're a genius

KNOW

Hi there Nate here Welcome to Nate's Recap  
Week (or so) But since I can't talk, I'll just  
have to convey myself through these signs



squeekie squeekie  
squeekie squeekie



God I wish  
I could talk



First we have Mega Man. Since Mega Man is currently in another dimension

I'm not stupid!

A cardboard cut-out will have to stand in for him

I'm not stupid!

The big question on everyone's mind is why Mega Man turned evil

I'm not stupid!

It seems like an awfully stupid thing to do, but then, it *is* Mega Man

I'm not stupid!



Anyway, there's been  
some speculation what  
Mega Man's doing now

I'm not  
stupid!

Is he conspiring with  
Mynd in a fiendish plot?  
Or are they locked in  
a battle to the death?

I'm not  
stupid!

Either way, there's  
one thing for certain

I'm not  
stupid!

When Mega Man gets  
back, he's in some  
seriously deep shit

I'm not  
stupid!

Next we have Roll,  
who is sporting a  
lovely new hairstyle

She decided to go for  
a new look after Mega  
Man bashed her old look

But, since I'm a lady,  
I won't hold a grudge  
or ask for an apology

Instead, she'll remember  
it forever and shove it in  
his face at a later date

Exactly

Chadling was, by far, the  
worst wounded in the  
recent Mega Man battle



Mega Man tricked him  
into consuming ice cream  
laden with nanobots,  
which then exploded.



turning Chadling  
in a fine purple mist  
As you can see, he's  
been reconstituted.



think not missing  
my left asscheek.

Mostly



Next we have George,  
who also ate the tainted  
ice cream, but without  
the explosive result



I don't feel so good...

He did, however, inhale  
some of Chadling...



Dr Light, whose plan to get Mega Man drunk and forget about his evil plans was exactly what the evil Mega Man needed to finally overcome his ethical programming and nearly destroy us all



And then Dr Light hid in the bathroom



I'm just old and incontinent



With Proto Man the biggest threat to Mega Man's plans he was the first one disabled.



As you might recall, Mega Man did this by shooting Proto Man in the back



Don't forget how that f---er threw me down the stairs



There's still some anger



No s---

Okay, so he shot you  
in the back and threw  
you down some stairs

He's still your brother  
Doesn't that mean you  
have to forgive him?

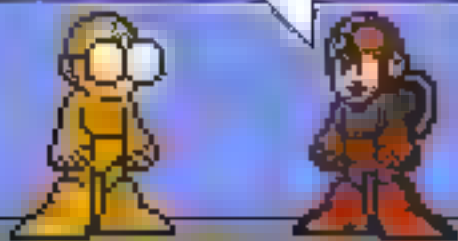
No **\_\_\_\_\_** way it'll be a  
cold day in **\_\_\_\_\_** before I  
forgive that son of a **\_\_\_\_\_**

**CENSORED**

Mike, one of Mynd's former minions, was absent from the battle with Mega Man



Yeah I was st. in the infirmary recovering



Still?! That was nine months ago!



Hey, Mr Goo-Body, give me a break, I fell off a freaking cliff





Lastly we have  
Who're you again?



Who?



I'm Ran

I was Mega Man's spirit  
guide during his drug  
induced hallucination  
several storylines back.



And now I'm here for my  
revenge for tossing me  
into a coma monster.

Get in line





What is it you have  
against capitalists?

Do you know the story  
behind Megaman 4?



Sure, Dr. Wily blackmailed  
Dr. Cossack into creating  
eight robots, which Mega  
Man then defeated



After Proto Man rescued  
Kainka, Dr. Cossack gave  
up and Mega Man went  
on to defeat Dr. Wily



Capitalist pig dog lies.

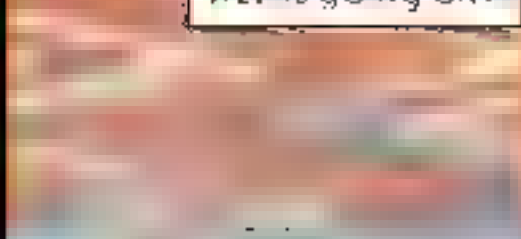


I was there, w... te, you  
what really happened?



It all started...

Wait! What the  
hell is going on?



Fear not, comrade, it  
is only a flashback.

Oh I thought we were  
traveling through time...



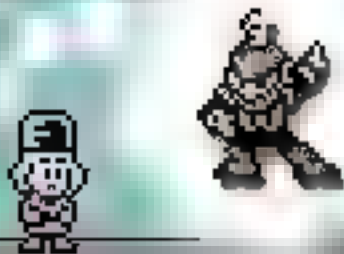
And, personally, I'd  
prefer not to spend  
another six months  
hanging from a ceiling



It all started many years ago at the 13th Annual All-Soviet Science Fair



Dr. Cossack's daughter, Katinka, wanted to win, so she tried to design her own self-aware robot



But it was harder than she thought it would be so she gave up and threw me together



You were a science fair project?

Lost to a paper mache volcano



How could you lose  
to a crappy volcano?

Well, it was very close...



Comrades... I think we should  
have judged the robot first...

Da...



**Meet Ran!**  
The Self-Aware  
Commie Bot!

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A Volcano

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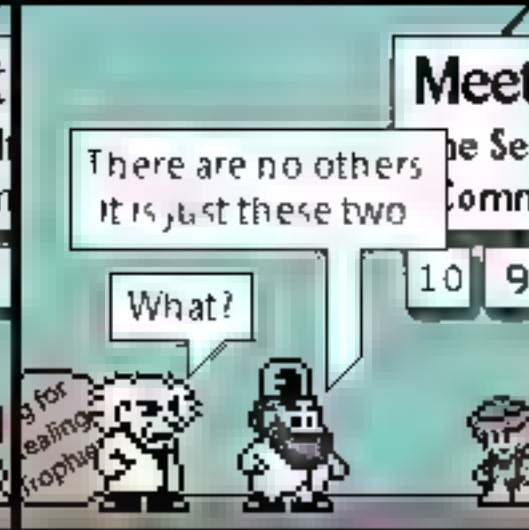
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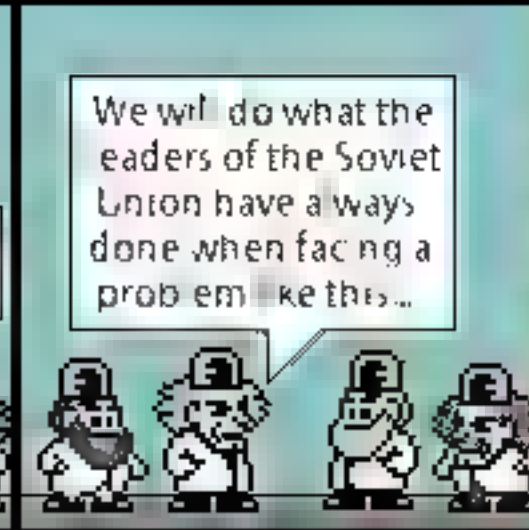
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Oh Great Head of Stalin!  
Tell us who should  
win the science fair!



He-o?



I think Stalin's  
head is broken

Where is the  
reset button?



There is no reset button on  
Stalin's head. It is powered  
by his preserved brain.



See? It is right...

Oh my Lenin! Someone  
has stolen Stalin's brain!



Who in the name of Gorbachev  
would steal Stalin's brain?



Men heh heh...



And without Stalin's head  
to tell the ruling class what  
to do anymore, the whole  
Soviet Union collapsed



That is, by far, one of  
the stupidest stories  
I've ever heard



And you were supposed  
to be telling me the story  
about the Fourth Mega-  
man Game, remember?



I was getting to that, you  
impatient lazy American



Oh, Ka nka, my dear, how  
was the science fair?

It was awful I lost  
to a retard with a  
stupid volcano



How did that happen?

The judges decided  
that since he was a boy,  
it better served Mother  
Russia if he won



Oh, dear... what did you do?

I did what I always do  
in those situations...



But while I was beating  
one of them unconscious  
the others ran off



So, my dear, what are you going to do now?

Oh, I've got a plan to take care of them all...



Is anyone going to die this time?

I don't think so

Well, okay, have fun



Come on Ran, we've got to get you ready for an adventure!

Yay!



Now, to go through each of my newly created robots and double-check them for the Exposition Exposition



Toad Man... Activate



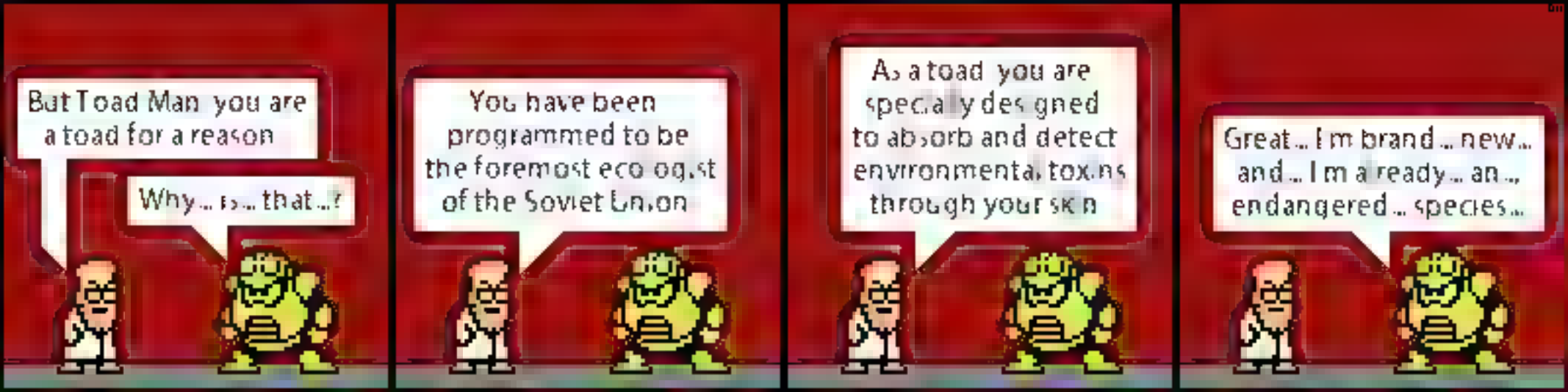
Hello... Dr... Cossack...

Toad Man what  
is the matter?



I'm a... frick'n ...  
toad... you jerk...  
Isn't that... enough...?





But Toad Man you are  
a toad for a reason

Why... is... that...?

You have been  
programmed to be  
the foremost ecologist  
of the Soviet Union

As a toad you are  
specially designed  
to absorb and detect  
environmental toxins  
through your skin

Great... I'm brand... new...  
and... I'm already... an...  
endangered... species...



Dr I Man... Activate!

KICK!

Good day Dr Cossack. I am ready to screw something

For the last time, your name is DRILL Man...

As the foremost geologist  
in the Soviet Union, you  
cannot go around with  
such a dirty mouth

So no more screwing?  
Only drilling?

Exactly

Drill that

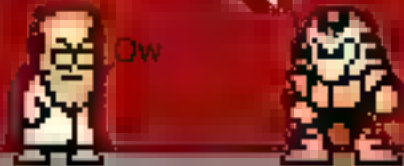
Pharaoh Man... Activate!



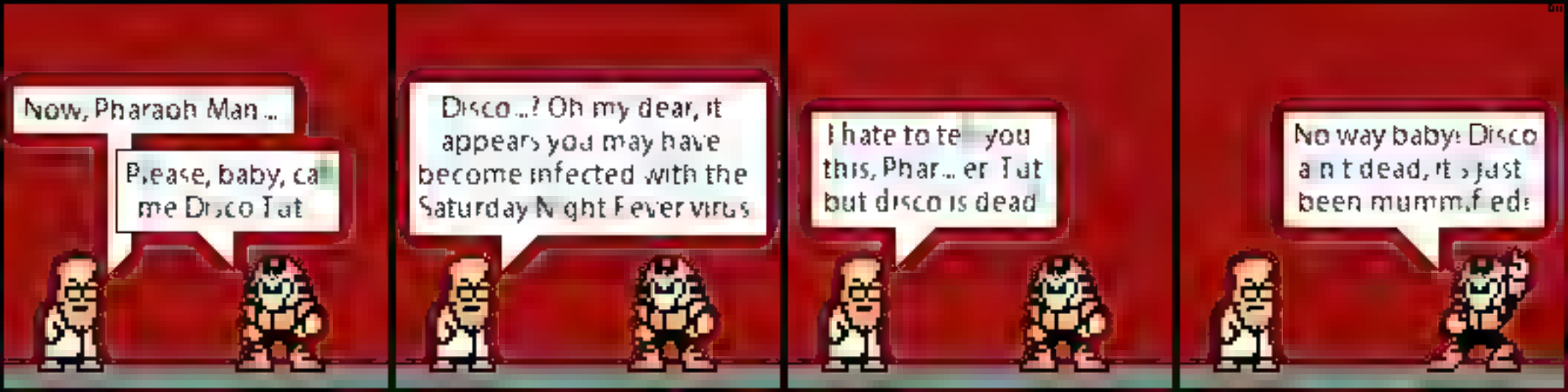
Pharaoh Man, you have  
been programmed to  
be the Soviet Union's  
foremost archaeologist.  
Do you understand?



Sure, baby! I'd do it



Ow



Now, Pharaoh Man...

Please, baby, come Disco Tat

Disco...? Oh my dear, it appears you may have become infected with the Saturday Night Fever virus

I hate to tell you this, Phar... er Tat but disco is dead

No way baby! Disco a n t dead, it's just been mummified!

I swear to Lenin, if just  
one more of these robot,  
has a quirky personality,  
I am going to scream

Dive Man... Activate

Arrrr... shiver me  
timbers it's the Cap'n

Pppp

AAARRGGH!!



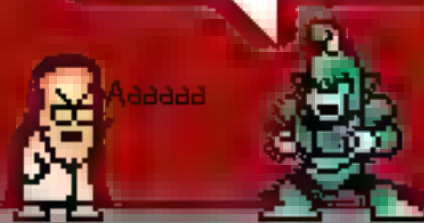
Why do all my robots have  
such stupid personalities?!  
Who has done this to me?!

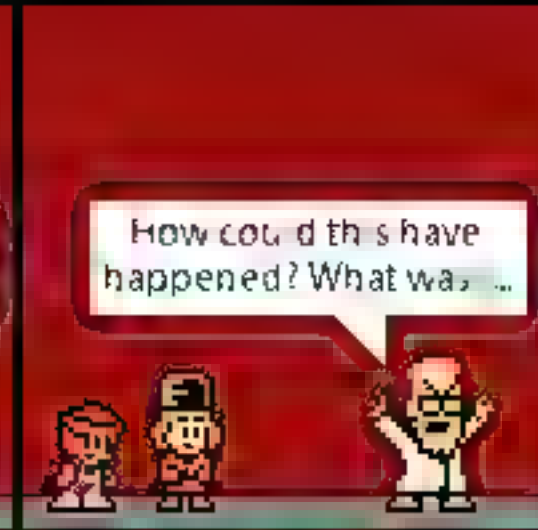
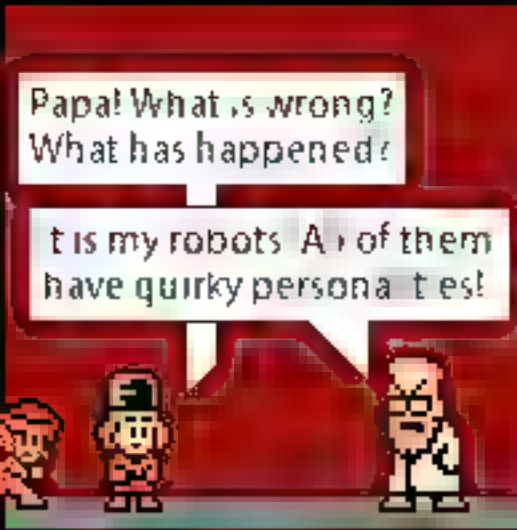


I don't know the broke  
what done this to yah...



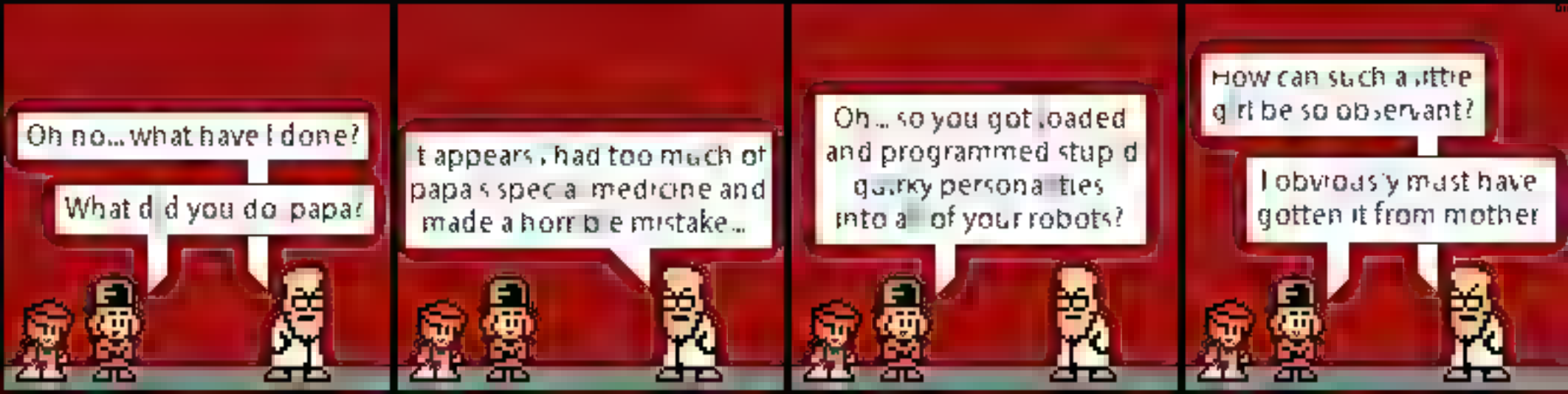
But when find im  
I'll keep haul'm!



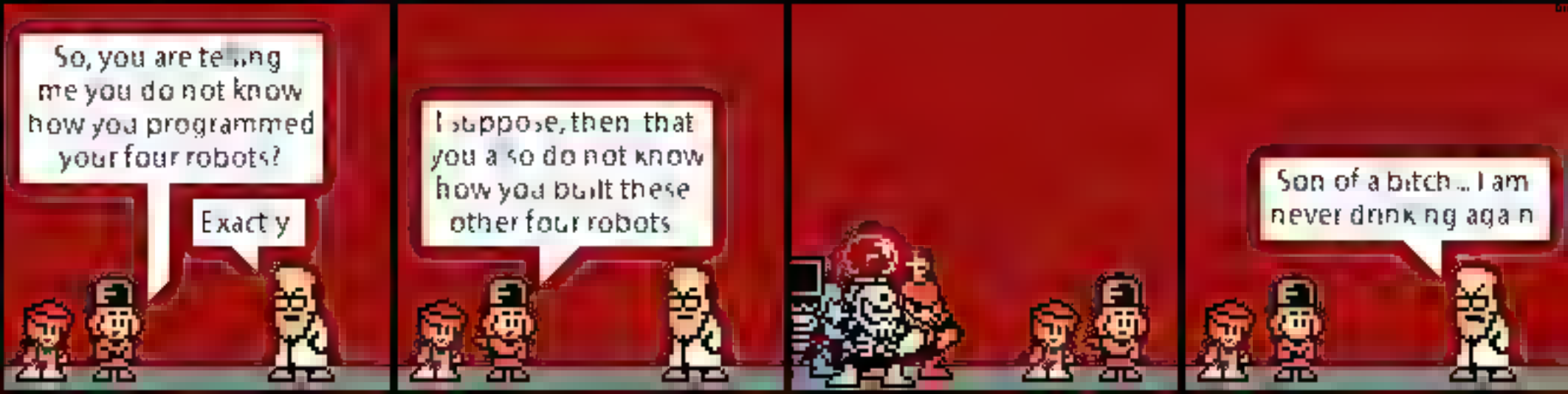












According to the notes you took while drunk, this one's name is Vacuum Cleaner Man... which would explain where my vacuum went



Vacuum Cleaner Man... Activate!

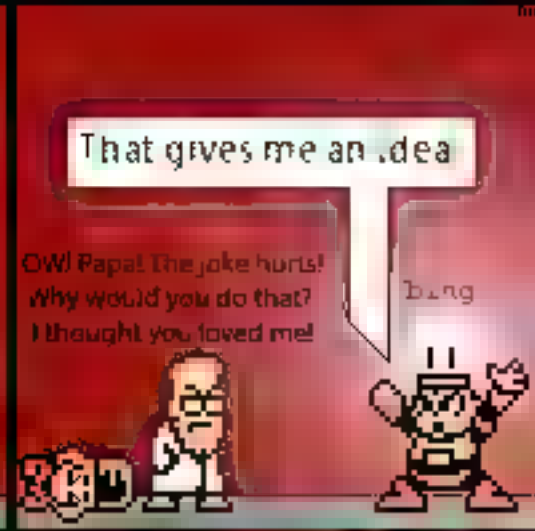
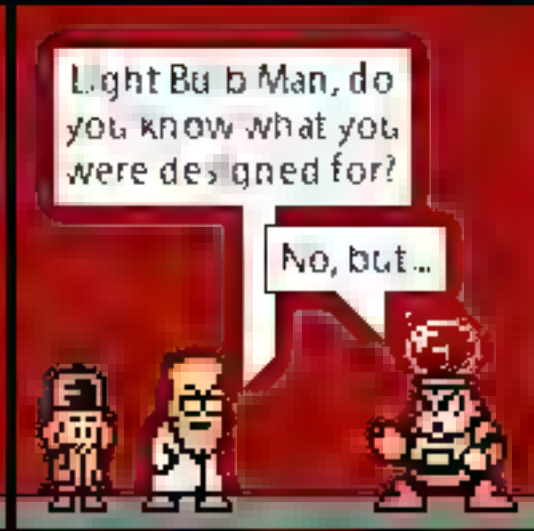
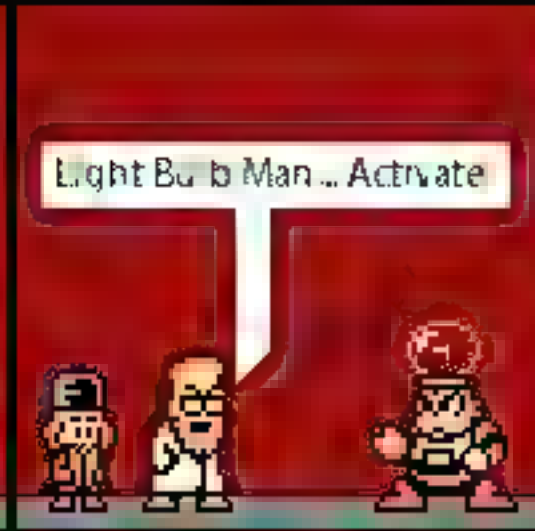
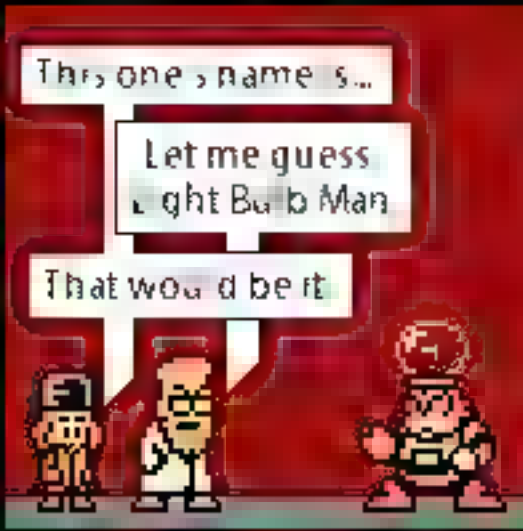


Vacuum Cleaner Man, you appear to be nothing more than a glorified vacuum. What are you good for?



Well I can go from "suck" to "blow" in 2.4 milliseconds, but only if you ask real nice





This one is called ..

Zombie Man?  
Skeleton Man?

Ready O d Man



Lgh... Ready O d  
Man... Activate!



Eh? What's that?

Ready O d Man...

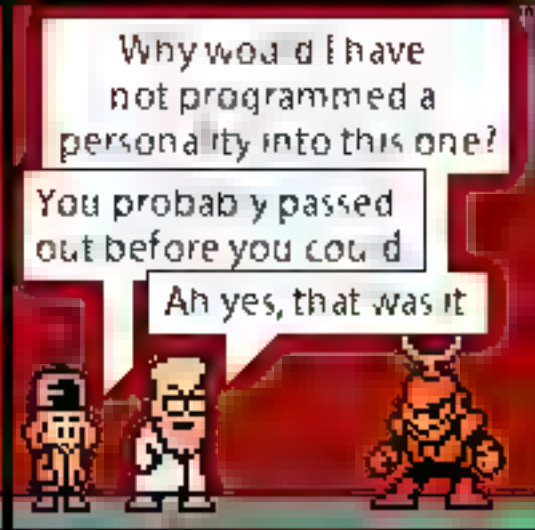
Speak up

What?



Dagnbabb t' You got dang  
whipper snappers. You're  
always mumbling. Why  
can't you speak up? You  
dang kids today with your  
loud boom-bang music!  
It's damaged your ears!





What are you going to do now, papa?

must reprogram all of my robots...

We'll come on Ran. Let's leave grandpa alone



What are we going to do, mommy?

We are going to save the Soviet Union!



By saving Stalin's brain

Yay!





But mommy how are we  
going to save Stan's brain?  
We don't know who stole it



Ah, but we do Dr Wey  
was at the science fair as  
a judge, and papa told  
him about Stan's head



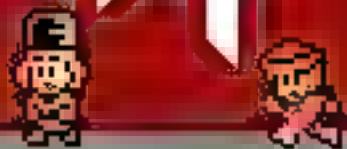
That means Dr Wey  
stole Stan's brain

Ohhhhhh.....

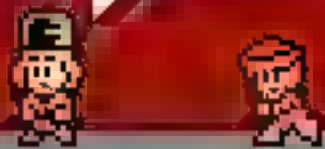


So we're going to steal  
back Stan's brain?

No not yet



First we have to do  
something about you  
breaking at the time



What are you talking



Oh yes, like that, like has  
never been done before



What happened mommy?

You tripped and broke  
again Ran honey



I do that a lot,  
don't I, mommy?

Yes you do, dear



But why do I break  
so easily and often?

Because mommy built  
you out of cheap  
Communist made parts



Really really, REALLY cheap  
Communist made parts



But none of grandpa's robots break all the time

That's because papa's robots are made from good imported parts



So why don't you just build me using better parts? Wouldn't that be more efficient than fixing me all the time?



Ran honey did you miss the part where I mentioned just how cheap your parts are?



Besides using non-Soviet parts would be too capitalist. Efficiency is not the Communist way



So how are you  
going to fix me?

Oh, Ran, I am not going  
to fix you. I am going  
to finish building my  
machine to automatically  
build more of you.

What?

The machine will always  
have a replica of you ready  
to beam in a replacement  
whenever you break again.

What? But why? Wouldn't  
it be way more efficient...

Ran honey... efficiency...  
communism...

But wouldn't it  
be cheaper to...

Ran. Really really  
really cheap.

Right right get it

If you break, this machine will transport a new Ran to your current location and download your memory into the new Ran copy



Then the machine builds a new you out of crappy Soviet parts, ready for when you die again



Wouldn't it make more sense to just build a central Ran unit that remote controls simple robotic Ran drones?



Excuse me We heard someone here was using common sense

Great now the KGB is involved



We here at Bob and George would like to take just a moment to apologize for any implication that Soviet or Communist products are in any way inferior to similar products created by capitalist countries



Further we all know that since the collapse of the Soviet Union, there is no such thing as the KGB.



Now, can I please have my kitty back?







So, let me get this straight  
You're made of such  
crappy parts that a single  
tap would kill you?



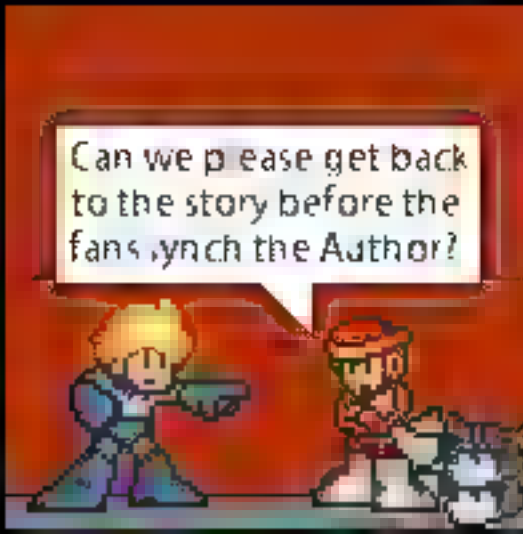
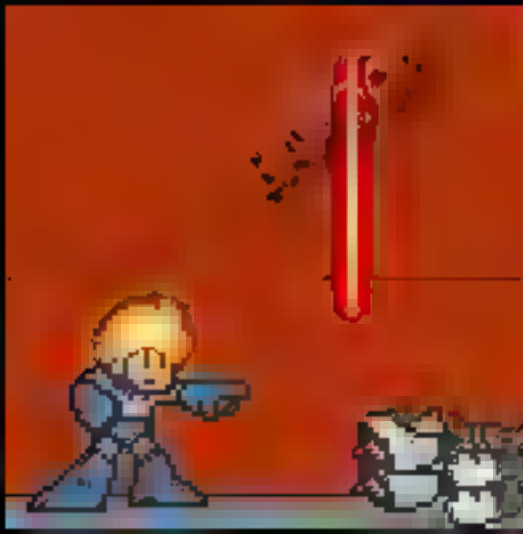
Well... don't really die  
just deactivate, and...



Don't you even  
think about it!







AND NOW...

# DAVE'S ADVENTURES IN CANADA

WARNING!  
POLAR BEARS!



sniff, sniff

If I can't see  
you, you're not  
really there



Liss! Of all the people in Canada to run into, who would've thought it'd be you?

You're here to visit me, genius.

Oh... right...

Well, um, did you know that there may or may not be a polar bear behind you?

Oh that's just Merv. He's my pet attack polar bear.

He's trained to kill anyone who bothers me. I don't feed him regularly, so you may want to watch your step.

So, uh, no Canadian jokes?

None.

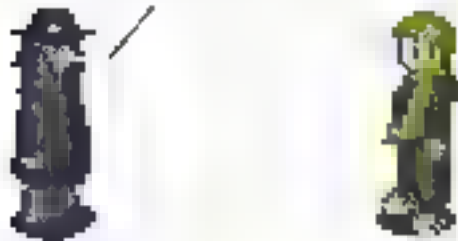
You see, Merv and I are part of a secret organization designed to eliminate those Canadians that make the rest of Canada look really, really bad.



Oh, like Tom Green?

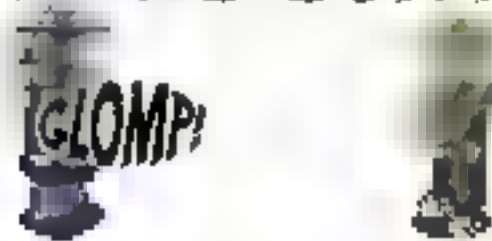
Exactly.

Doesn't seem like you've done a very good job.



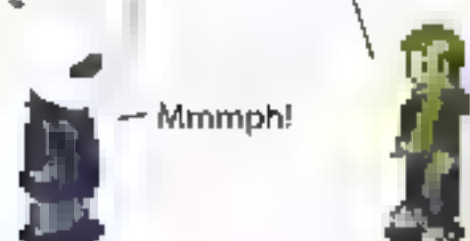
I mean-

**WHOOSH!**



Merv doesn't like people questioning his abilities.

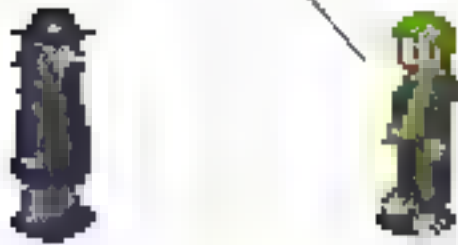
Mmmph!



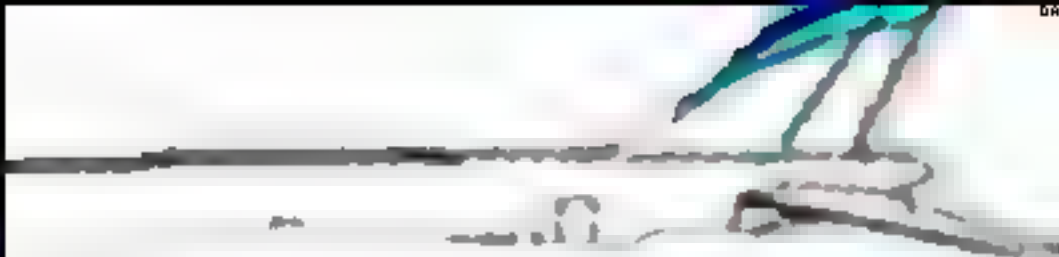
You know, call me crazy,  
but I think our flight  
is going to be delayed.



Why do you say that?



Cal. it a hunch

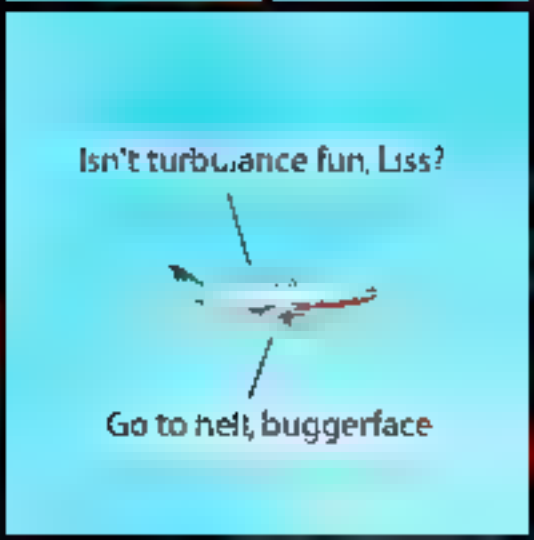
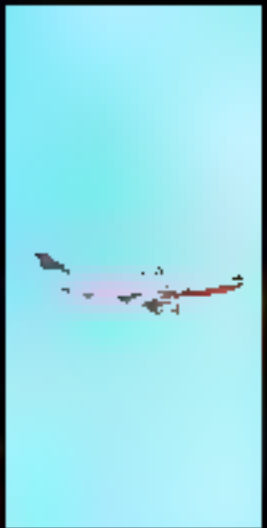
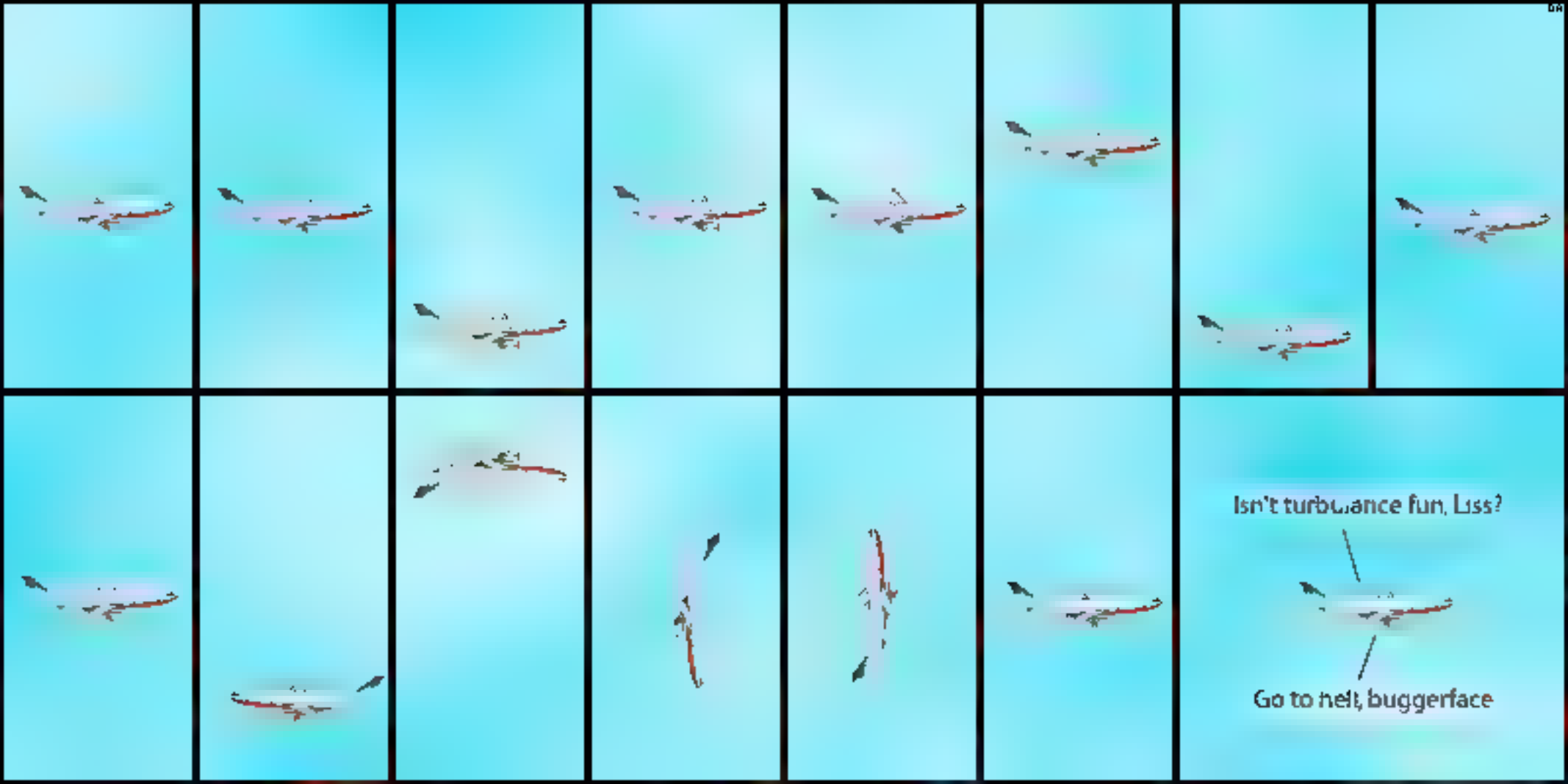


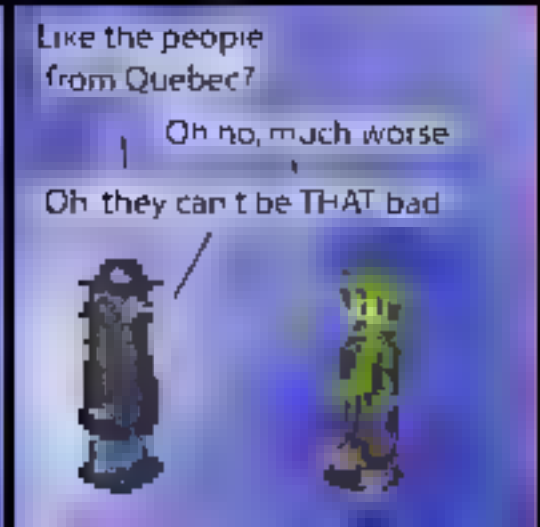
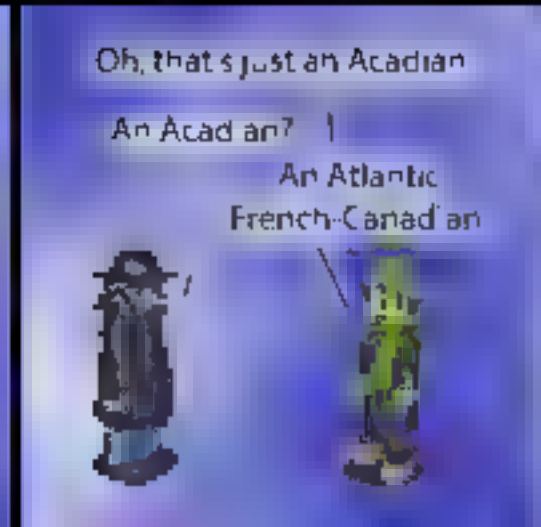
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Nobody really cares about a that junk Watch

Oh my God have na  
clippers might be a  
terrorist planning to take  
over the plane with them







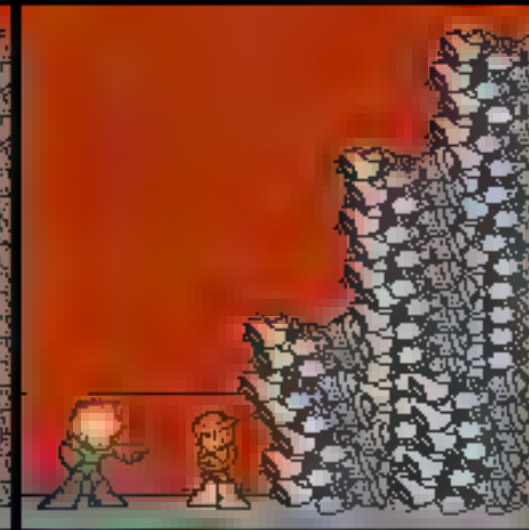
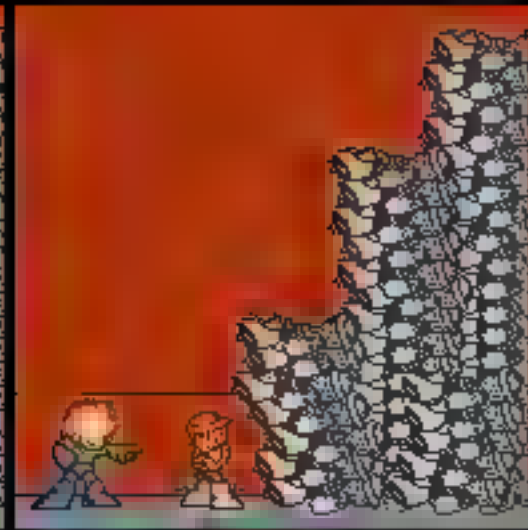
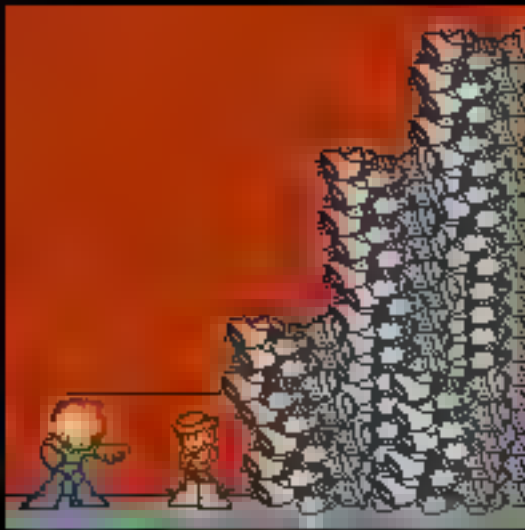
Welcome to the US  
border. Do you have  
anything to declare?

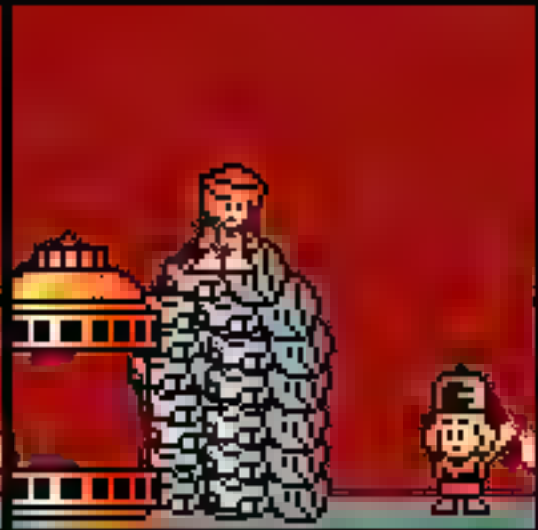
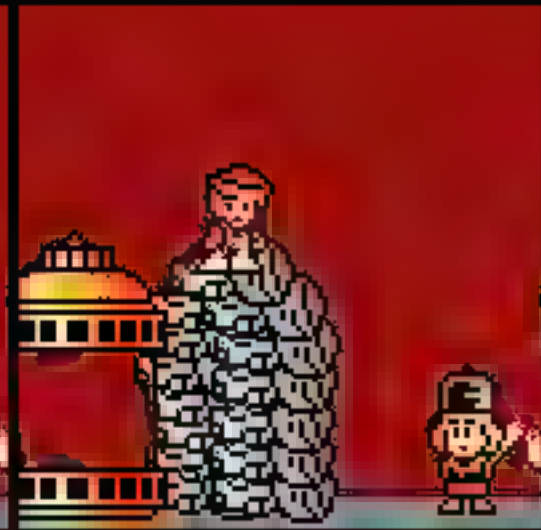
Maybe


Pop Quiz! In my trunk, do I have  
a) Nothing  
b) Fifteen kilos of cocaine  
c. Large quantities of  
duty-free alcohol

Or d. Two or three Arabs  
sneaking into the country  
to possibly commit acts  
of terrorism

I was just kidding!  
Can't you people  
take a joke?









Finally, here we are  
Dr. Wily's Fortress

Alright! Let's get  
Stan's brain back.




Whoa. Hold it, Ran.  
Where do you think  
you are going?

Um... the front door?



Oh? You think we can just  
walk in the front door and  
ask for Stan's brain back?

No?



And that's why we have  
to enter through this  
large air duct right next  
to the front door.

It sure is dark in here

It certainly is Let us thank  
Catherine I remembered to  
install eye-beams in you

It looks like the air duct  
is going to get much  
smaller up a ways We  
may have to crawl

Well, watch out, Ran dear  
We don't want you to hit  
your head and ..

**Thump!**

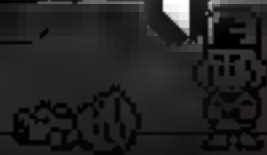
...break

Ran dies

Great Ran is broken  
and now, have to , t  
here in the dark unt  
he beams back n



What is taking  
him so long?



Doh





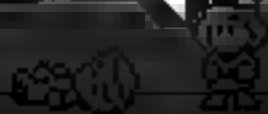
Mommy!

Ran? Ran where are you?

I'm stuck outside!  
I can't teleport in!

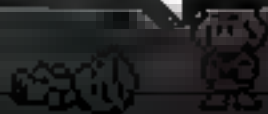


Oh, of course Dr Wily must have an anti-teleport field around his fortress to prevent Mega Man from just beaming in.



But then how am I supposed to get in?

Why don't you wait, just like you did the first time?



Geez! Why didn't I think of that? Who am I? Mega Man?



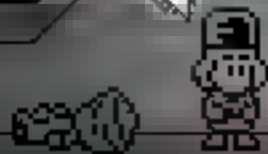
Ran? Is that you?

Yes, mommy  
I'm almost there



pad, pad, pad, pad

Well be careful You do  
not want to trip and...



pad, pad, pad, pad

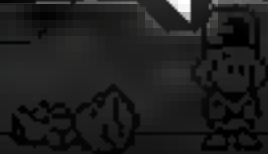
...break...



pad, pad, trip, CRASH!!

WAAAAH!!!

I really should have  
seen that coming





Oh, this is just great Ran  
Now, am stuck in here!

What should  
I do, mommy?

Run home and tell  
papa that I'm stuck  
and I need his help

Right

I should have  
brought a flashlight

This is awful! Why did I have to make Ran out of cheap, HEAVY parts!



I had better be careful or I will go crazy from the darkness and isolation and start talking to myself...




AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

Hey do you hear that?

Shh Oprah's on!





Soooooooo boooooooooo...

Hello? Is someone up there?

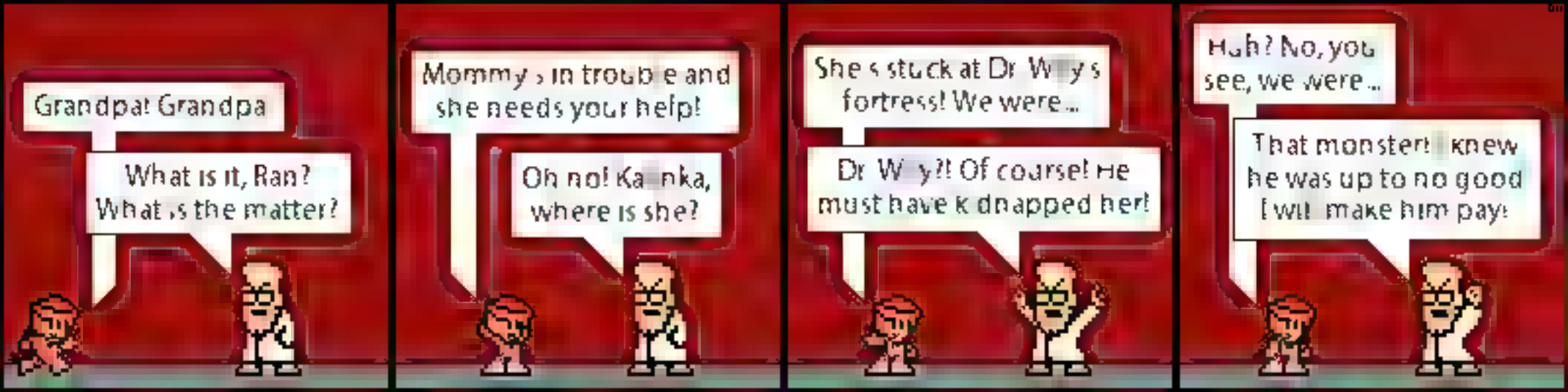
What? Er, uh, nope  
No one up here but  
us air duct mice

Ah well, you air duct  
mice should watch  
out for the over-size  
air duct rats we've got

Oh please, there  
is no such thing as...

**GROWL**

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!



Grandpa! Grandpa

What is it, Ran?  
What's the matter?

Mommy's in trouble and  
she needs your help!

Oh no! Ka-nka,  
where is she?

She's stuck at Dr. Wily's  
fortress! We were...

Dr. Wily?! Of course! He  
must have kidnapped her!

Huh? No, you  
see, we were...

That monster! Knew  
he was up to no good  
I will make him pay!

Why, you fiend! What have you done with my daughter?!

Who?



My daughter, Kanna! You monster, I know you have her! Why have you done this?!

Huh?



Please! Do not hurt her! I will do anything you ask, just do not hurt her!

What? But I...



Fine... I will attempt to take over the world for you...

Lm... Okay...



What was that all about?

Click.

I think Dr. Cosack is  
going to try to take  
over the world for me.

Oh well that's certainly  
convenient for you.

Perhaps but why do  
I get the feeling this is  
going to end with my  
fortress blowing up?



So what are you going to do about Dr Cossack?

What do you mean?

He's planning on trying to take over the world because he thinks you've kidnapped his daughter. Don't you think you should do something about that?

Oh... that. Maybe after Friends.

Click.

Damn that Willy! Someone is going to have to do something before this situation gets out of hand



If we allow Dr. Cossack to go through with this plan, Mega Man is certain to get involved



Maybe that's what I want to happen



You're supposed to be watching Friend,

it's a commercial



Look, didn't it occur to you that maybe I want Dr Cossack and Mega Man to fight it out?

If Dr Cossack wins my arch nemesis is destroyed and Dr Cossack is forever indebted to me for returning his daughter

If Mega Man wins, well, I'm no worse off than I am now. Don't you see? It's win-win!

You're not supposed to catch me plotting against you yet!

I know. Rather ironic, isn't it?

But Dr Wily, there's  
one thing you seem  
to have forgotten...

Oh? What's that?



You haven't actually  
kidnapped his daughter



Go find her and  
then kidnap her



Hello? Is anyone  
out there?



This is just great Dr. Why  
screws up and now  
I have to go & kidnap  
Dr. Cossack's daughter



Um, I am still rather  
stuck in here...



Plus there's some  
mysterious girl with a  
Russian accent stuck in  
the ventilation system



I am going to be  
in here forever...



Oh well off to  
look for Kanyka



No d it right there Do you  
really expect me to believe  
Proto Man s that stupid?

Yes A , capitalists  
are stupid



I could see Mega Man  
doing something like  
that, but not Proto Man



Look, who s telling  
the story here?

Hey, all I want is the truth



YOU CANT HANDLE  
THE TRUTH!



Hello? Is someone  
coming to rescue me?

Kalinka Cossack?

Yes that is me

I'm afraid I'm here  
to kidnap you

Does that mean you are  
going to get me out of  
this ventilation system?

Yeah, I suppose so

All right Let's go

Um... okay...

So you really don't mind  
being kidnapped?

Anything is better than  
being stuck in that duct



Brad, love you  
And you, Angelina

Dr. Why found Ka-pka

What? Already?  
That was fast



Oh, but Brad, we can't  
You're my brother

Well, I am...

That's great, good  
job. Now go away  
my soaps are on



Actually, I'm not Brad  
I'm his evil twin

God hate this, job

NO!!!

This man has tried to  
take over the world  
how many times?





Well look, I wouldn't worry too much about being imprisoned. Sooner or later Mega Man's going to come rescue you.



And as smart as he was in the last game, I'm sure he'll be here any minute.



Dr. Light, does this cape make my butt look fat?

Not at all, my capitalist friend.



Oh my god... Ran,  
is that Mega Man?

Yes, of course it is



Okay, so maybe he wasn't  
dressed exactly like that,  
but the point is that...

No, not him...



H.M.



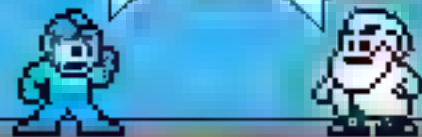
H guy, Miss me?

Mega Man There are  
eight new robots trying  
to take over the world!



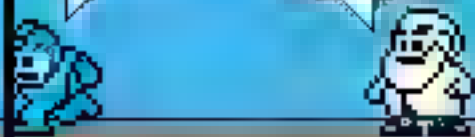
Oh geez Again?!  
When will Willy learn?

But it's not...



Hold on, I'll take  
care of this

But...



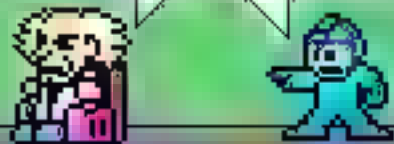
Whatever



Why You fend

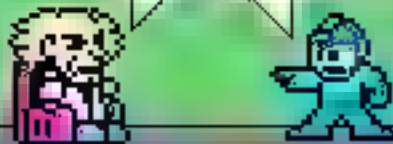
What do you want?

I'm here to disrupt  
your plans for world  
domination once again



Oh, it's not me this time

I won't listen to  
you're, I know  
you're behind it!



Actually, Mega Man,  
he's really not behind  
it this time... sort of

Wha... what?



Damn it! Just when  
I thought I'd figured  
these games out they  
go and change things!

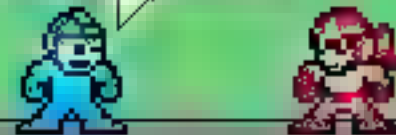


So, what do I do now?

Well, whatever you do,  
don't go down into the  
area where we keep our  
captives and talk to the  
little girl down there

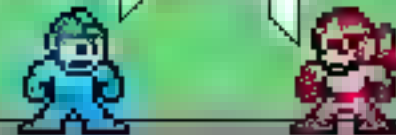


Oh... I get you...



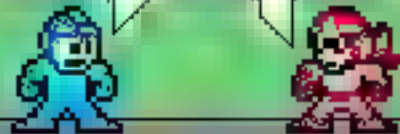
Well?

What? You said not  
to go down there



Okay, let's try this. Dr. Why certainly doesn't want you to go talk to the little girl we're holding captive.

Why wouldn't he want me to talk to her?

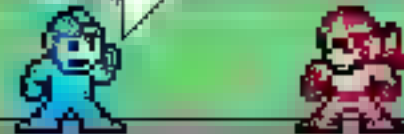


Maybe it's because she has information that would lead to the real culprit.

Or maybe it's a trap.



Or maybe he just wants me to think it's a trap so I'll go the other way, into the real trap. Or maybe that's what he wants me to think. Or maybe that's what he wants me to think he thinks!



Or maybe...

JUST GO!



So then I was like, "Or maybe it's a trap!" And then I realized how insidious Dr. Wily's plan could be. I tried to...



Hey Who are you talking to?



Th... broom

You must be Mega Man



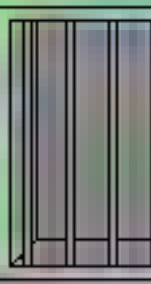
Anyway quit talking  
to ,nanimate objects  
and get over here  
I have important  
informat on for you



Okay, okay  
Bye Broom



YLENOL M WON...





Okay, now listen carefully  
This has all been a huge  
misunderstanding I snuck  
into Dr. Wily's fortress to  
steal Sigma's brain back.



Unfortunately, I got stuck  
in the ventilation system.  
Proto Man rescued me,  
but then Dr. Wily forced  
him to stick me in this cell.



So, I need you to find Dr.  
Cossack and explain this  
whole mess to him before  
something bad happens.  
Do you understand?



I think so. You're  
saying Dr. Cossack is  
the evil mastermind  
behind it all, this time?



So what you're saying  
is that I have to defeat  
this Dr. Cossack?

No! You are not listening



Thanks for the info



How can he  
be so stupid?

I blame rap music  
and television



Man... who knew  
Rass was so big...

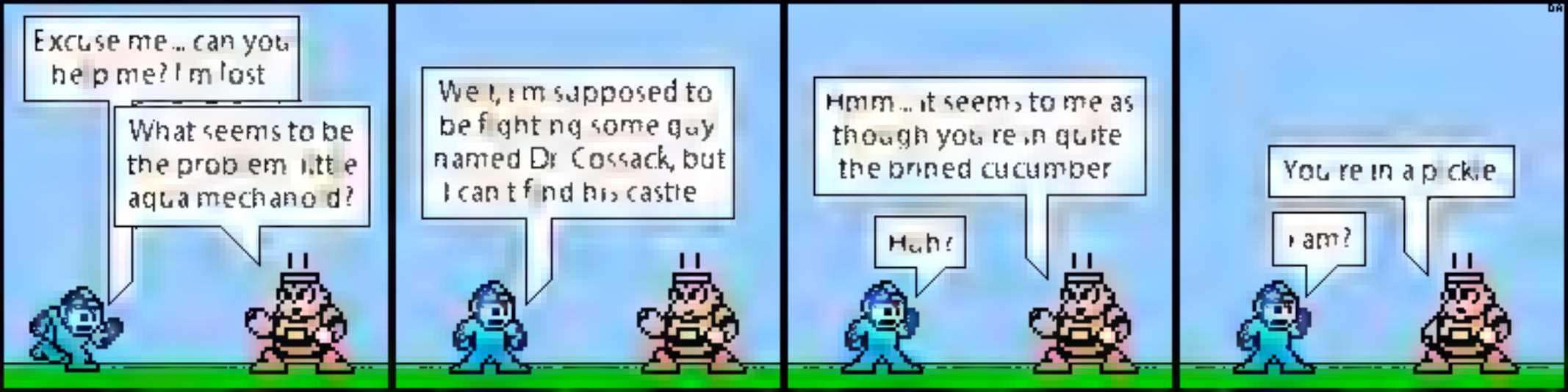


How am I ever going to  
find Dr. Cossack or his  
Robot Masters at this rate?



It's okay... I'm used to it...





Excuse me... can you  
help me? I'm lost

What seems to be  
the problem little  
aqua mecha noid?

Well, I'm supposed to  
be fighting some guy  
named Dr. Cossack, but  
I can't find his castle

Hmm... it seems to me as  
though you're in quite  
the brined cucumber

Huh?

You're in a pickle

I am?

My life is so depressing. Do you have any idea what it's like to be so much smarter than everyone else?



Actually yes in the last game, I was really smart

And then what happened?



I got dumb again

Ah yes...



Worst Story Line Ever



So... what makes you  
so much better than  
everyone else?




Well, when everyone else is out wasting their time  
doing stupid things like playing sports and having  
social lives, I stay home and do important things

Like what?



I play video games,  
eat Doritos, and watch  
Xena Warrior Princess!





It has come to my attention  
that I may have possibly  
alienated some of my fans  
with yesterday's comic.

Yeah I just thought  
you'd like to know  
Back to the comic.

Wow How do you do all  
those things at once?

I can multi-task.

so then you get to Matoya's cave, and there's a bunch of skulls and stuff but there's also this broom and if you talk to him he tells you to push B and select to activate the world map but you

Man... he just keeps saying taking and taking... trick.



... but there's some great stuff in Eifland as well as this great area nearby where you can fight giant and stuff and gain lots of

This is taking forever... it almost feels like time is... standing still...



so then you find the dynamite which you have to give to this dwarf and they say that there's a ~~club over game~~ but the first one

Oh no! He must be a Robot Master and this is his weapon! I have to stop him!



and then it turns out that Chaos is really Garland from the future or the past or something, it really never made much sense to me but there's a great time traveling

Too bad he's so boring, seem to have lost the will to move... or live...





but see the key is that when you're looking down from the Sky Castle you'll notice that in the middle of the Four Fiends towers is the Temple of Clouds which is where I only have one go back chance at this... 05

and then you have to

Whoops

Well, one stupid Robot Master down seven stupid Robot Masters to go. Now I just have to find them.



ahem



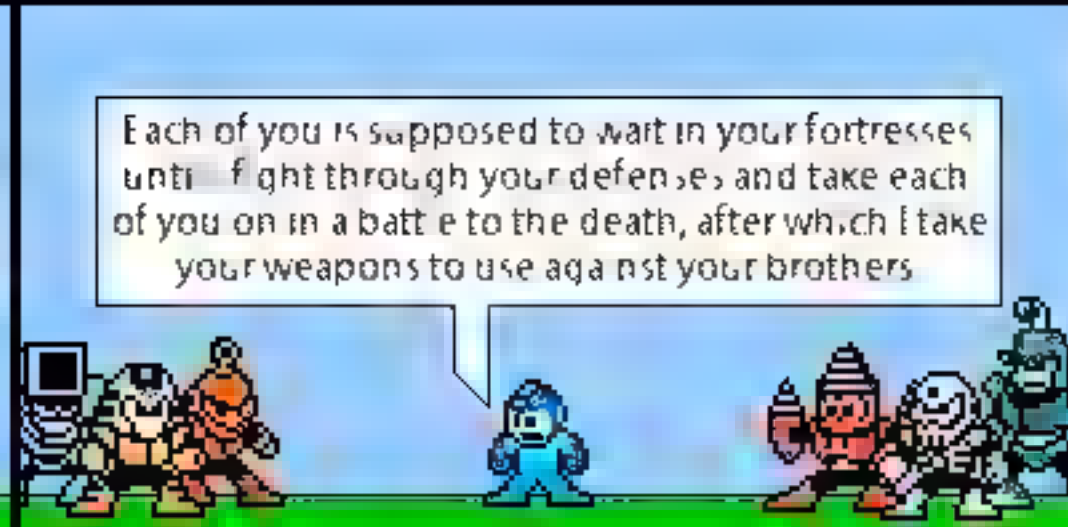
Oh look, there they are. I must be better at this "finding" thing than I thought.

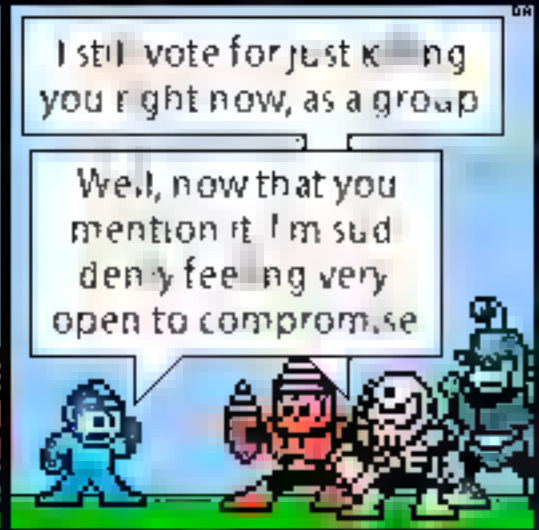
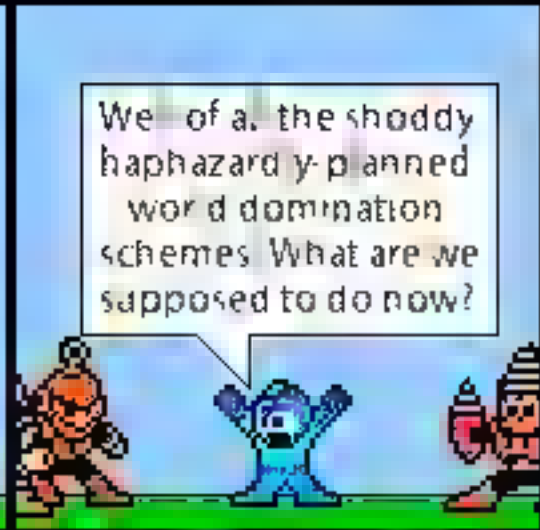
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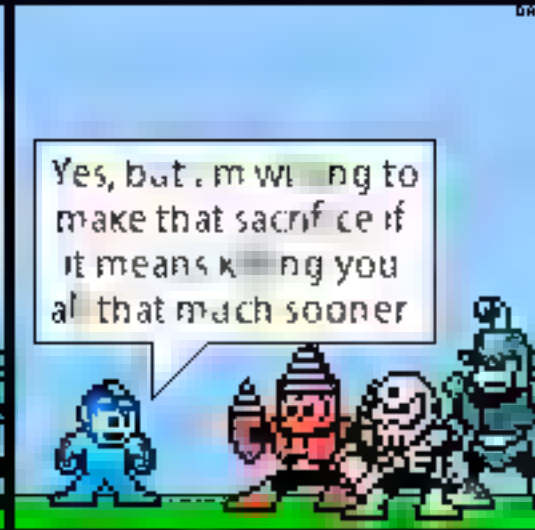
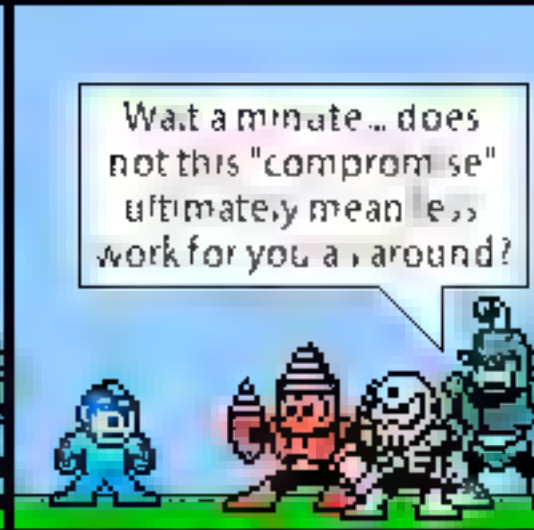
















**READY?**



**FIGHT!**



Is it going to do  
that every time?

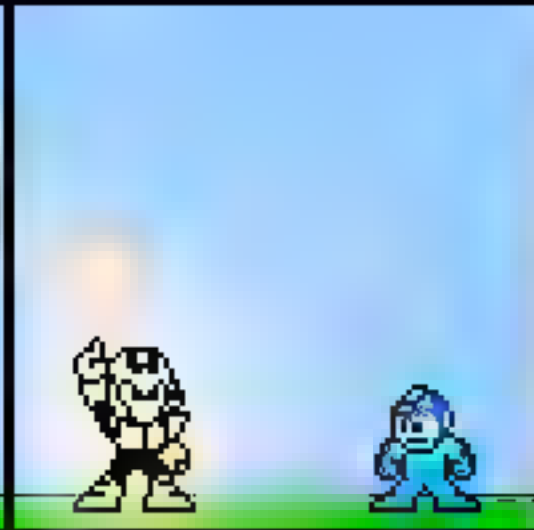
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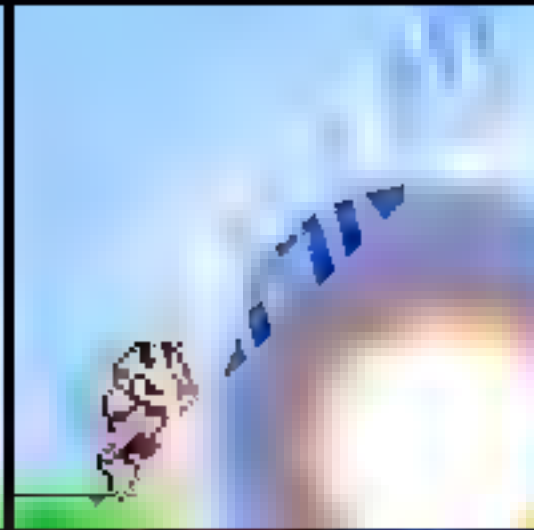
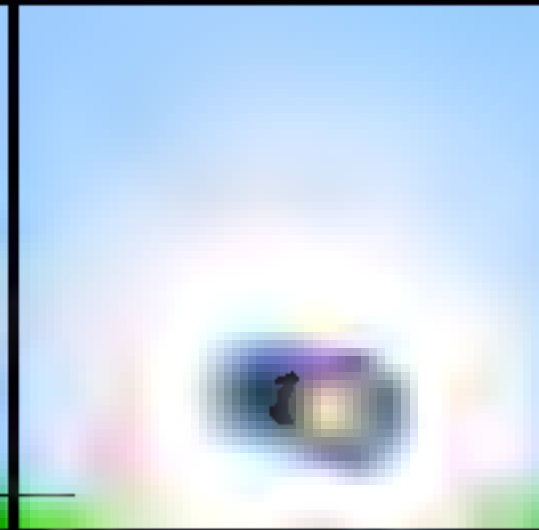


And if I know the Author,  
he's going run that gag  
right into the ground

Well crap









Fine! So be it! If I need to blast you again, I shall!

Now, now, don't be so hasty. Before you kill me, don't you want to know all about the wonderful properties of glass?

You see, glass really isn't a solid or a liquid. It's classified as an amorphous solid because it doesn't have a crystalline structure like most solids.

What?

Now, because it doesn't have a crystalline structure, it can actually flow over time. Like a liquid. Of course, the amount of time to see an actual flow is so long that it's not enough time to notice. But I... at the beginning of time, it still does flow.

Several hours later...

When working with glass, there are two important points to remember. First, the annealing point is the same for all types of glass. Second, the temperature at which the glass softens is the same for all types of glass.

A temperature above the annealing point, the glass can be blown and molded. At temperatures above the softening point, the glass will flow under its own weight.

A temperature above the annealing point, stress on the glass can be relieved by annealing. However, at temperatures below the annealing point, the glass can't be annealed.

blat  
How rude

Alright Another Robot  
Master down! Who's next?

Me

Hold it right there What  
about Round 3? You have  
to fight Pharaoh Man again

Wait a minute Doesn't  
killing a little kid break the  
First Rule of Robotics?



Yeah At the end of the  
seventh game, Dr. Wily  
clearly points out that  
Mega Man can't kill people



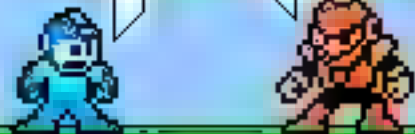
So what's your unique personality quirk?

I don't have one  
Dr Cossack never gave me one



What is it with Dr Cossack?  
First no fortresses, and now  
not all of his robots have  
personality quirks

He wasn't exactly  
planning any of this...

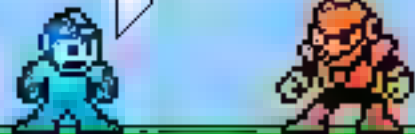


Wait... without a personality  
quirk... that makes you...

Yes I'm competent



Ah... Competency...  
my greatest enemy...





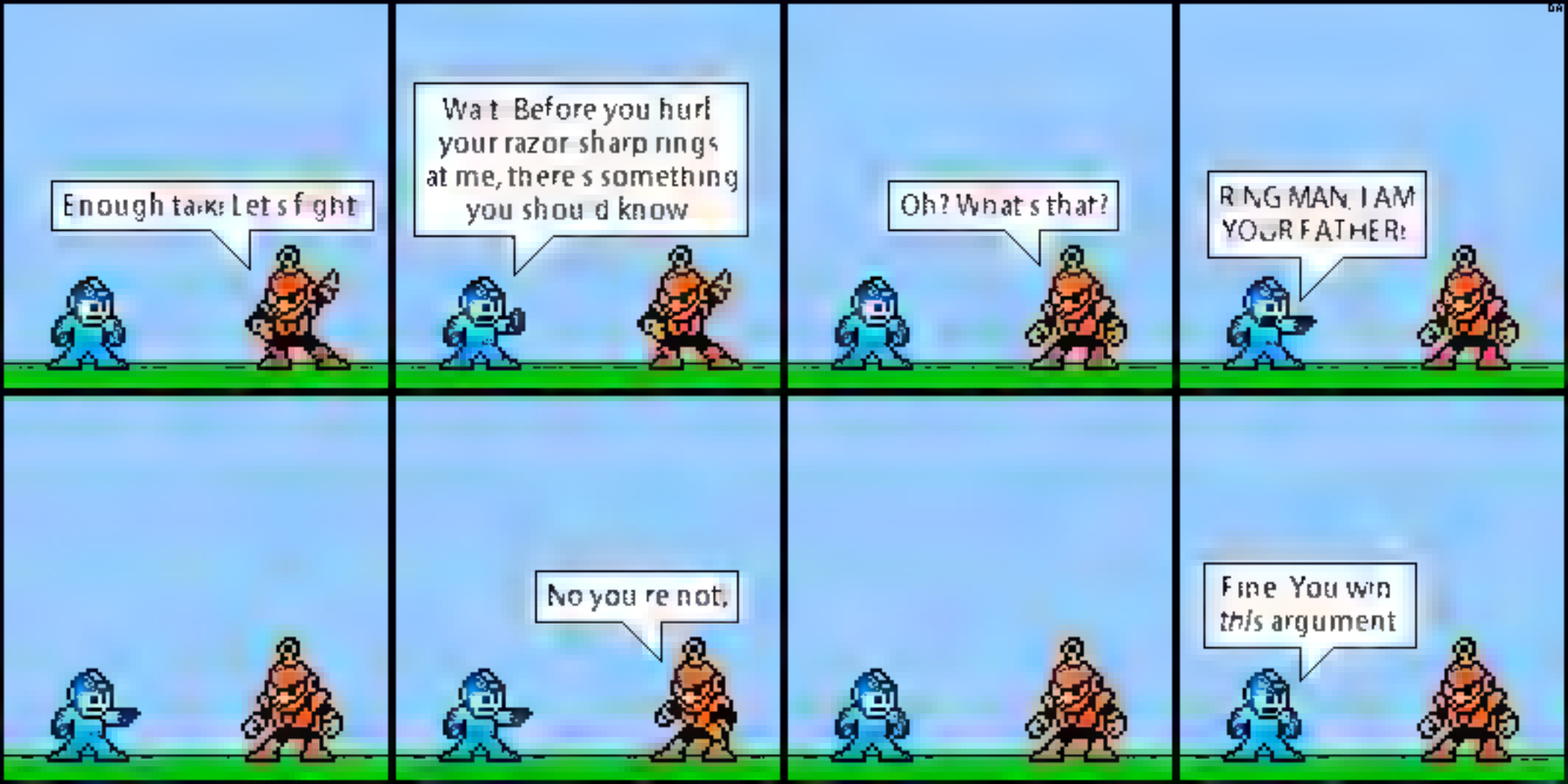
Well, if you're the competent one, can I fight you later?

Nope, sorry the strategy guide says I'm next

Ah... Strategy guides... my greatest enemy...

What? Didn't you just say competency was your greatest enemy?

Well it's obvious someone's new to the comic.



Enough talk! Let's fight!


Wait! Before you hurl  
your razor sharp rings  
at me, there's something  
you should know

Oh? What's that?

RING MAN, I AM  
YOUR FATHER!

No you're not,

Fine. You win  
*this* argument

A four-panel comic strip featuring Mega Man and Dr. Wily. In the first panel, Dr. Wily asks Mega Man why he believes he is his father. In the second panel, Dr. Wily explains he is testing Mega Man's willingness to believe in the absurd. Mega Man asks 'What? Why?' in the third panel. In the fourth panel, Dr. Wily says 'Here let me try again' and then says 'Nice ass' while Mega Man looks confused.

Why in the world did you think I'd believe you were my father?

Isn't it obvious I'm testing your willingness to believe absolutely absurd not on?

What? Why?

Here let me try again

Nice ass

WHAT?

All right, you little blue  
weirdo, it's time to die!

No! Think about  
the children

ARRRGH!

HA! You missed

Oh, did I forget to  
mention I can just  
jump over your rings?

SMACK!

Oh, did I forget to  
mention that my  
rings return to me?

Help! I've fallen  
and I can't get up

SHUT UP!

Ha LOOKS like  
your attack ddn't...



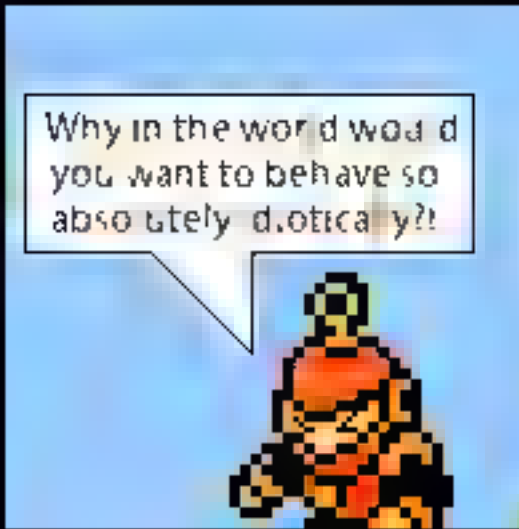
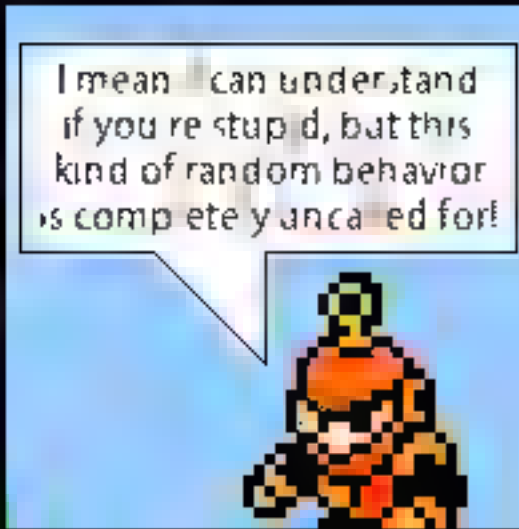
Aw crap That's the  
hand I use to m...

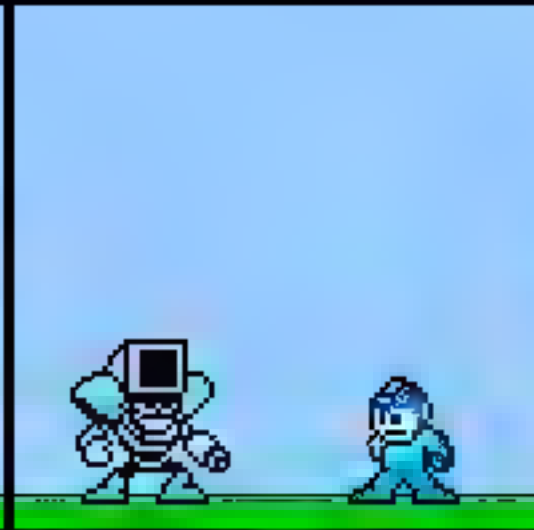
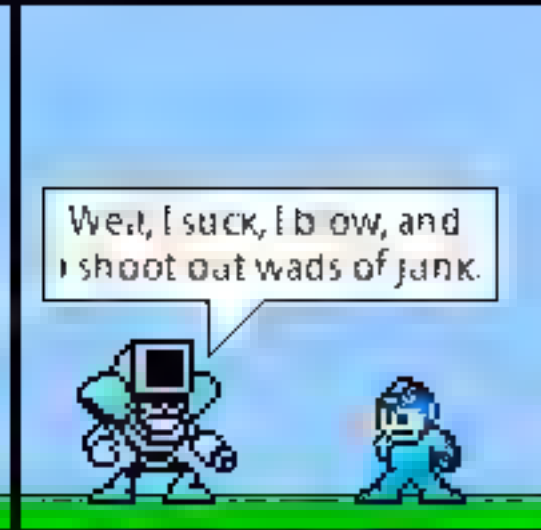


Um... write with

You little blue freak.!







<insert sexual double entendre disguised as an innocent question here>



<insert worse sexual double entendre disguised as a confused explanation here>



INSERT  
Worse sexual  
double entendre  
disguised as a  
confused  
explanation here



<insert humorous fourth wall breaking comment here>





Prepare to be sucked

That sounds so...



WAAAAAAAH



Well this is embarrassing

I think it's a bit that  
ice cream you eat



So then I was like dude  
And he was like, dude!  
And I was al like dude!



And in the end, there was  
nothing but darkness...  
eterna painful darkness...  
like my pitch black soul...



I'm on y tree and  
a half years old...



Stop poking me  
in the brain!

But it's so fun!



Would you mind getting  
out of my head now?

Wait, I'm just about to  
shoot you in the brain



Well, okay... wait



Hmm... Maybe I should  
have thought this  
through a little better...





HFEFE...



One... two...



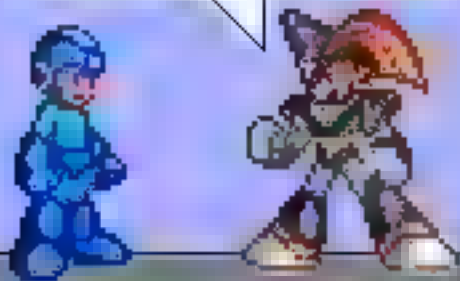
WAAAAH

Three

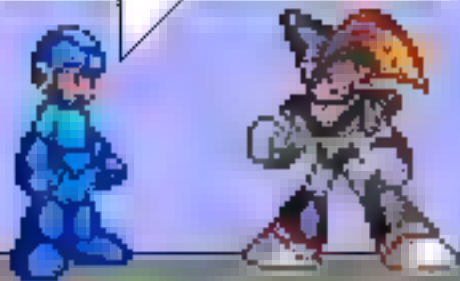


Why won't some-one help me?!

Mega Man do you  
have the strange feeling  
we're being watched?

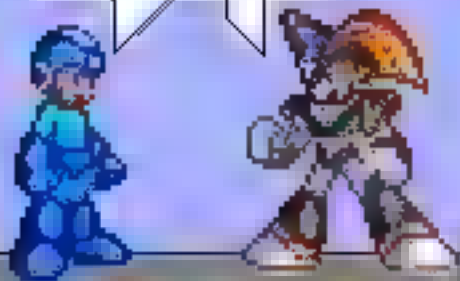


indeed It would appear  
the Author has taken yet  
another non sequitur and  
is focusing on us now



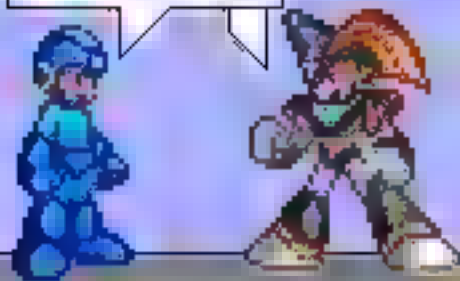
He does that quite  
frequently, doesn't he?

Most definitely

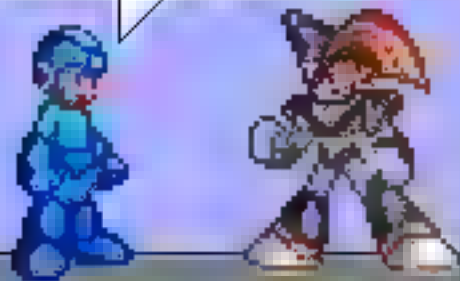


Do you think anyone has  
any idea who we are?

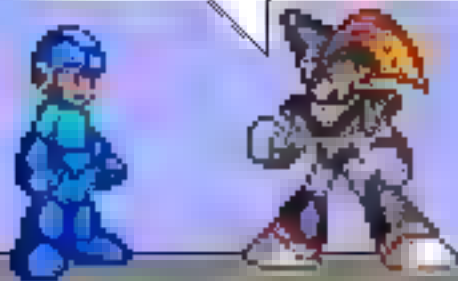
Not definitely



I say, do you think the readers have figured out who we are yet?

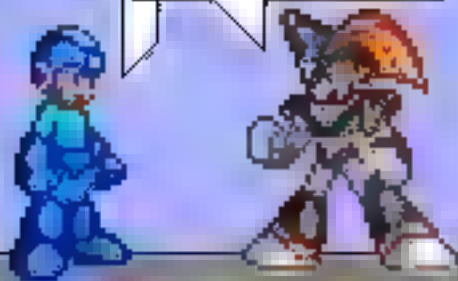


Perhaps, but have they realized that we're actually the future versions of ourselves?



Most likely not, though I imagine they know now

I would assume



And I imagine the Author thinks he's so clever now

He would, that ass



Well, now that we seem to have the comic to our selves what shall we do?

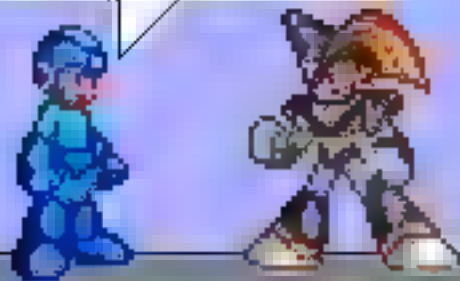
Why don't we visit our alternate versions from the "regular" universe?

Oh, we can't They're quite dead in the future, remember?

Oh yes What a "bummer"

"Totally", "dude"

I say do you think the  
readers are tired of our  
high brow humor yet?



Most likely I imagine  
they can't wait to get  
back to the fart,okes



Though I wonder if our  
lack of movement over  
the last few days has  
been more irritating



Nonsense We're much  
too sophisticated to...





I've got it - know  
what we can do!

Pray tell, what's that?

Do you remember,  
years ago, when we  
argued whether or not  
time travel was possible?

Yes, I believe so

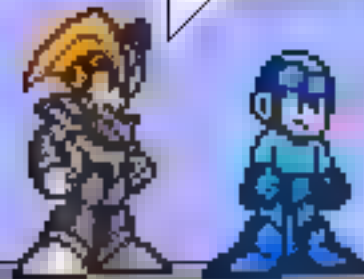
Let's go back in time  
and prove you wrong

That sounds like  
a paradox of fun

And I'm telling you  
that the curvature of  
space-time doesn't  
allow for time travel



H there We re  
from the future



I win

Blast!



Correct me if I'm wrong, but won't this little visit cause a serious problem in the space-time continuum?

How so?

I always knew you'd be responsible for the destruction of the universe

Well, if this encounter isn't exactly the same as you remember it, won't that create a paradox?

Actually, if you stop to think about  
it, the answer is quite simple

Our memories are going to have to be erased

Exactly



Oh, well, in that case...  
Mega Man I hate you

What?!



Hey, it's not like  
you'll remember  
this tomorrow



So, if our memories are  
going to be erased you  
can give us information  
about the future, right?

Sure

Then explain how  
time travel works

Okay, come here

*whisper whisper*

Of course it's so  
boringly simple

Yeah, but you won't  
figure it out yourself  
for another 47 years

Any other interesting tidbits about the future?

Well, there is one, but we have to keep it a secret from the readers



Pfft Screw them  
Let's hear it!



whisper. whisper  
whisper. whisper  
whisper. whisper



Holy crap No way!

Way!

He,meted who?



That last one was kinda important Why can't we remember it?

Because no one should know too much about their own future



Well if you're not going to give us information about the future, then why'd you bother coming back here?



Lm... cause we were bored?

I'm really starting to hate myself

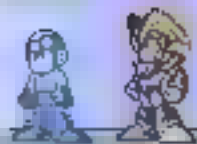
Do, just not talk in the future?



Look, I'm telling you  
there's just no reason  
to go back in time and  
give yourself information  
about the future



It's simply too dangerous...



Hi there We're here to give you  
information about the future

Okay... nevermind





But you can't give us any information about the future. We'll have to forget everything you say!

No, you won't.

But if we don't, there could be a paradox if this conversation doesn't go exactly as we remember it.

That may be true, but...

We are robots. We can just play back this conversation exactly as we remember it.

Oh... well, I guess you could do it that way.

Does that mean...

No. You still get your memories wiped!

Wait a minute If this conversation is going exactly as you remember it, then you know exactly what I'm going to do!



Yeah, pretty much

In fact, I also know what you're thinking, because I thought those exact thoughts when I was you

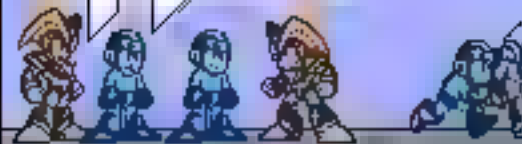


No way No way I refuse to accept the idea that I'm not in control of my own actions!



to do you I'd say that

Yes, yes you did



Fine, I'll prove it to  
you Pick a number  
between zero and ten

Um okay

Seven

Ha! It's...

But then if I correctly  
picked seven you  
were going to lie and  
say you picked five

Just shut up!

Okay, enough with the  
determinism. What exactly  
are you here to test us?



Oh. Remember how  
you gave Bob the ability  
to travel through time?

Yeah



Well, you have to find  
him and take it back.  
He's too dangerous  
to have that power.

Why test us? Why not  
just do it yourselves?



Because relative to us,  
we've already done it.

Now I see why everyone  
hates time travel so much.



Hmm... can infer from  
your statement that our  
mission will be successful?

I didn't say that



Oh... so we're going  
to be unsuccessful?

I didn't say that either



We... what can you say?

I can only say what  
I've already said



Figures. Do you have  
anything else to say?

Yes Boobies



Boobies? What the hell is that supposed to mean?

I'm sorry, I was forced to say that because that's just what I have to say



Okay you know what? Just forget it. Come on Bass we're leaving

And when we're you, we're going to be big dicks about it too!



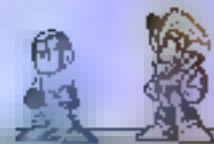
This conversation was a lot more fun now that we're us instead of them

Indeed I rather enjoyed being a dick about it



You know don't  
recall anyone saying  
"boobies" last time...

No? Hmm... oops  
Oh well let's go



Hey... what about

SHHHHHH!!



Why won't anyone  
help me get this  
thing off my head?!



HUFFFF



Hello Mega Man.  
I am your doo---



WAAAH



ZIF

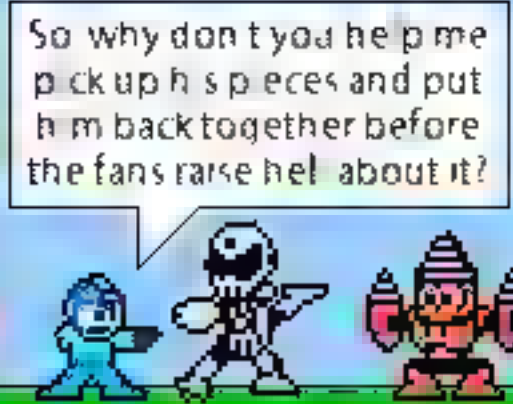
CRASH!



Oh crap The fans  
are gonna be p ssed







Oh, cry me a river  
you big baby!



So you've got no hands  
big deal! You may have  
no hands, but I knew  
Spark Man and you're  
definitely no Spark Man



I mean, at least your  
appendages do something  
Spark Man's did nothing...  
except fry his brain



So unless you're just  
going to stand there  
and cry do something  
useful and find someone  
with hands to help me



My daddy d dn t love me

Oh shut it I think  
got him working



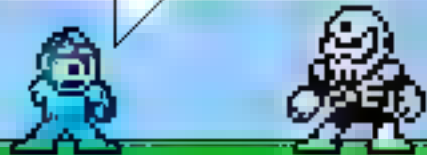
He s a ive Skull Man  
How do you fee?



Would someone please  
remove my arm from  
what is not an arm socket?



There that should  
do it, you're all fixed



Excellent. Now prepare  
to die, Mega Man, for  
I am your DOOM!!



Control  
I will destroy you with  
the ULTIMATE WEAPON  
of death and despair

meep!



blip!

Wuh?



What's that?! Is that your  
"Ultimate Weapon"?

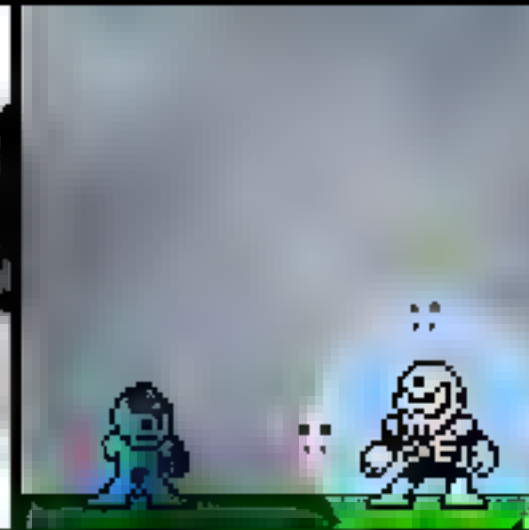
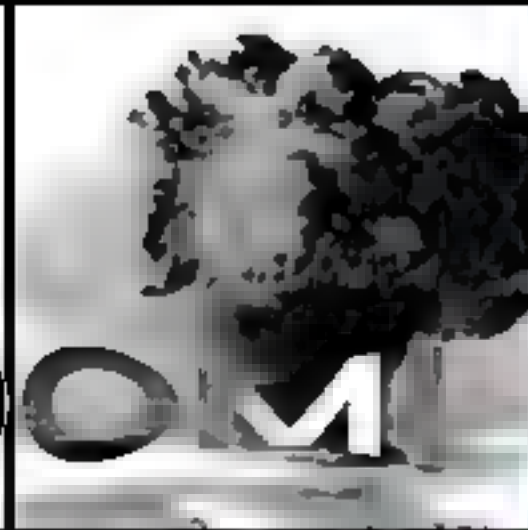
**Yes! It is IMPENETRABLE!**

Impenetrable? But it's only  
a two-dimensional circle!  
What if I attack you from  
one of the two sides  
it doesn't protect?

Besides that, it's purely  
defensive in nature so  
how can you really call  
it an ultimate weapon?

**You damn kids have no  
respect for your elders!  
The Skull Shield is whatever I say  
it is because I said so!**

BOO



Doesn't your shield have any weaknesses?

Only one. If I move, the shield will collapse.

Then what do I do?

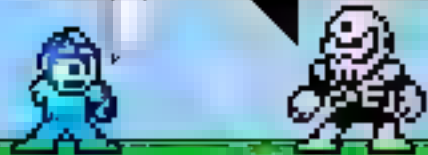
Well, since my body is nothing more than a skeleton, a precise shot from Dust Man's weapon should have no effect.

Wait, why are you telling me all this?

Because you can't penetrate my shield and I have no reason to move.

So all I have to do is get you to move?

Good luck. I haven't moved in centuries.







Death is not the end!

Whatever




BLAM!



Geez One shot and he fa is a to p eces





Ha ha Now it's time  
to fight Dr. Man!

Oh, right the cripple

Hey! Just because I don't  
have any hands doesn't  
mean I can't kick your ass!

Besides, it seems to me  
that you're not doing  
so hot in the "have  
hands" category either

Oh that's it you're  
going DOWN

Bring it, lefty

Time to die

We shall see



hole



You know, I'm no specialist, but that can't be good

Ya think?



Now! Time to finish this!

Wait! Behind you



Oh please Everyone knows you always pull that trick.

But...



You tried to warn him

I know! No one ever believes me



So, what's the deal?  
Who are you and why  
did you save my life?

Oh I didn't save your life...



I merely knocked Dr. M  
Man away so that I could  
have the pleasure of  
killing you myself



As to who I am, I am  
your worst nightmare

Father O'Malley?

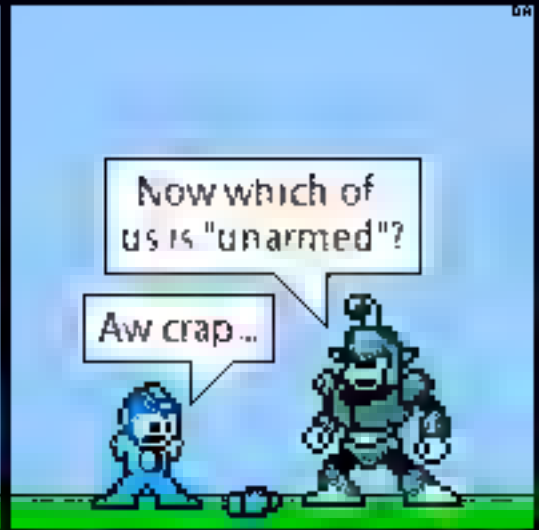
Nyet



A giant Russian  
pirate robot that  
wants to kill me?

Da that one





Hey Grandpa! What are you working on?

I am working on my greatest robot ever! Mega Man will have no chance against him



I will call him... C-3PO

Um... I think there's already a robot with that name

Really? Hmm... what about... R2-D2.



I'm pretty sure that's taken too

Marvin?

Sorry



What about Eddie?

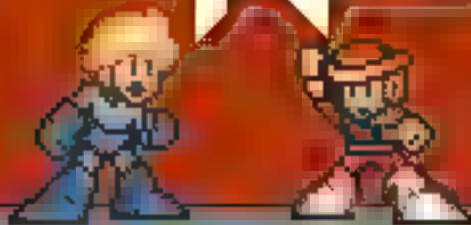
I think that's okay

Alright then. My new killer robot will be named... EDDIE..



Whoa, whoa . thought  
Edd e the Fop Top was  
built by Dr Light

Capitabst es!



If you think about it, it's  
quite obvious that Edd e  
is another Communist  
robot built by Dr Cojack.



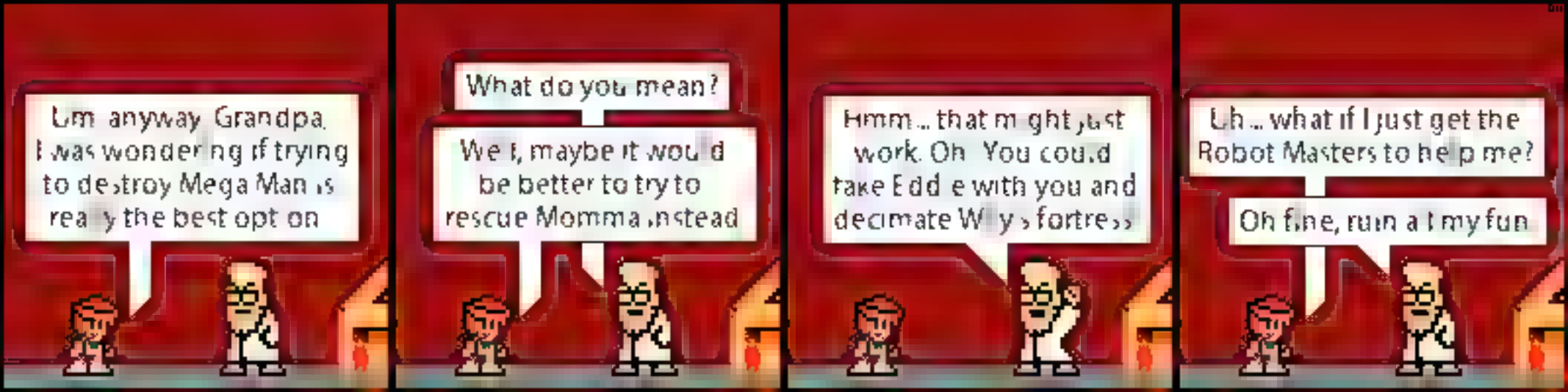
Oh! Please enlighten  
me how Edd e's origin  
s so bndng y obvious



Simple He's red







Um anyway Grandpa,  
I was wondering if trying  
to destroy Mega Man is  
really the best option

What do you mean?  
Well, maybe it would  
be better to try to  
rescue Momma instead

Hmm... that might just  
work. Oh You could  
take Eddie with you and  
decimate Wily's fortress

Lh... what if I just get the  
Robot Masters to help me?

Oh fine, ruin all my fun



Hey Uncle Dive Man,  
Grandpa wanted me to...

HA!

CRACK!



It's you...

Wha...?



## Ran's Memory

WAAAAAH!!

Fling



KEEL HEEEE M!!

Oh no...



Oh, wait! I forgot! We  
have to save Momma

Da, and to do that, we  
must destroy Mega Man



No way Dr W ywoud  
definitely doub e-cross  
us. So, instead, we'll  
doub e-cross *him* and  
go rescue Momma!



Hmm... may destroy  
Mega Man anyway?

Um... well...



WELL?

I'm thinking!



Well... I guess we  
should let him go

Alright... Let us  
go rescue Kanku



Yay We're coming  
to save you, Momma



Oh, that's okay! I don't  
need your help. I don't  
have any arms, but I can  
get up all by myself!



Hah See? I can stand  
up al by myself...



WAAAAAH!!



Oh no, that  
can't be good



I am telling you, Proto Man, eventually Dr. Wily will discover your true plans and destroy you



Your only hope is to turn against him now and help me escape



Yeah, I suppose you're right. But I can't help you escape, just yet



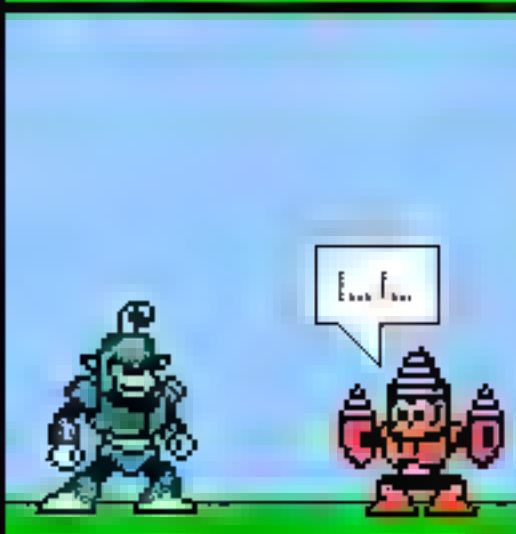
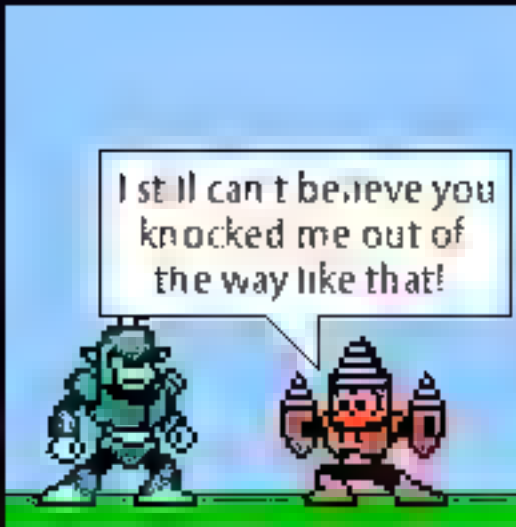
What? Why not?



We have to wait for the big climactic battle of the end of the game first

Oh, right. Sorry, this is my first video game









Alright this rescue mission is going to take guile and cunning



The first step is to sneak into the fortress using this convenient air duct...



Or... I suppose we could just barge in through the front door...



Hey, you! We're looking  
for Dr. Wily! Where is he?

That depends. What  
do you want him for?

We are going to break  
every bone in his body  
and then grind his  
remains into dust.

He's in the main lab  
at the end of the hall.  
You can't miss it.





It's certainly about time  
someone showed up  
to rescue her. What  
took you guys so long?



OLD-LEVEL R

They were... busy...  
beating the... hel...  
out of... Mega Man



An, I was wondering  
what happened to  
him after he left here



Did he try the side?

Nope...

F...er!



How did it go right there? Why?

What? Mega Man?  
Did you actually  
use the front door?

Hey! You're not Mega  
Man. Who are you?

I'm Ran Cossack  
and this is Dive Man.

Cossack? Aren't you  
supposed to be out  
destroying Mega Man?

We have switched sides.

And now we're  
going to K.I.L. you.

I'm missing Judge  
Judy for this?

Judge Judy?  
That show sucks

What? Now you must die



SHOCK!

Oh no The couch potato  
might possibly get out of  
his easy chair to hurt us!



SCHWING!



Toad Man was right  
He is compensating  
for something!





We here at Bob and George  
would like to apologize  
for the lack of evident  
quality in recent comics



With the recent move and  
server problem, it has been  
difficult for me to really  
give my all in each comic.

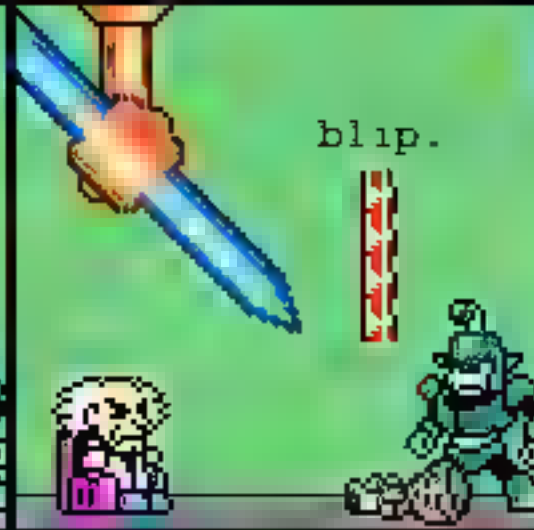
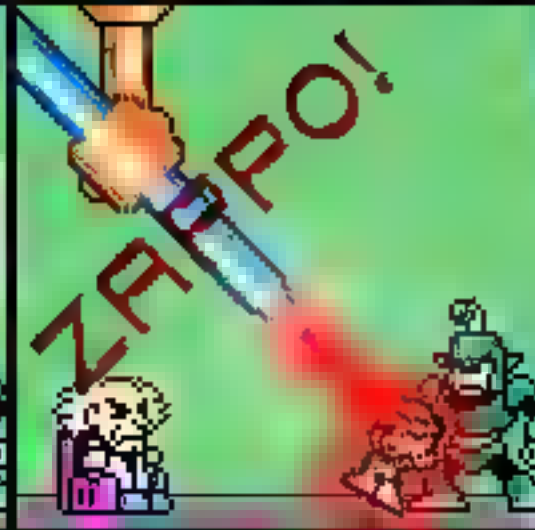


But now that things are  
finally getting back to  
normal, here's a bit of  
randomness to help make  
your day a little brighter



Ow! My evil twin clone  
from an alternate future  
just poked me in the eye







Ran? What are you  
doing back here?

Dr Why blasted me  
and somehow redirected  
my teleportation beam



What about Dive Man?

Oh no Now he's all  
alone in Dr Why's fortress,  
without any help at all



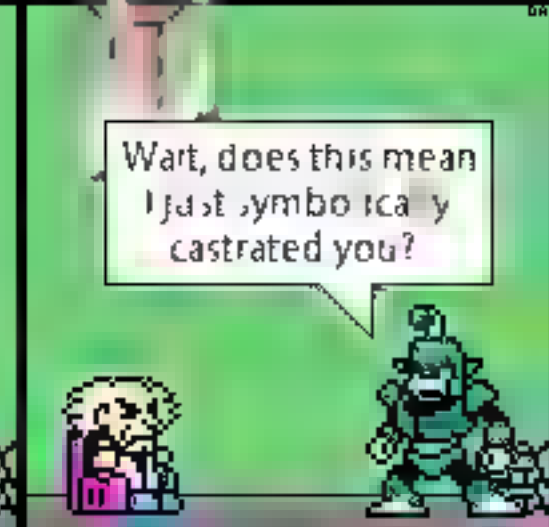
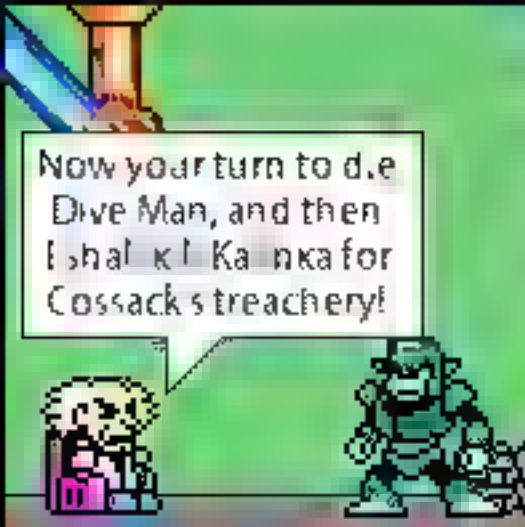
Achoo

Toad Man, are you okay?



Yeah... someone, just...  
forgetting I exist... again...





Grandpa, I gotta get back  
and help Lince Dive Man  
out! Teleport me back!



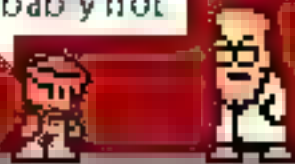
Wait have a better idea

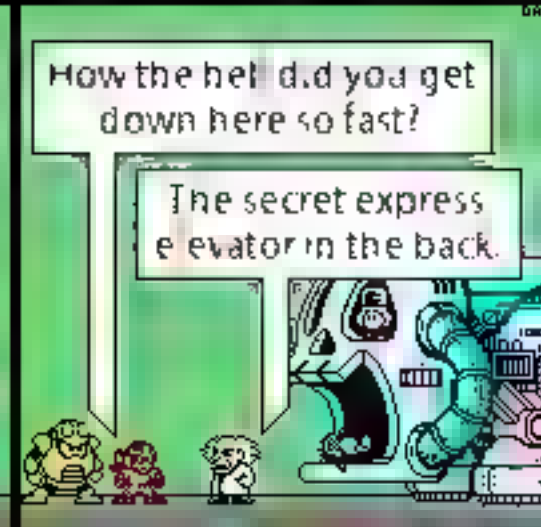
It's not for me to take  
Eddie along, is it?



If I did and said no  
would you believe me?

Probably not





Proto Man, you've got to save Ka nka

I'm well aware of that, but a plan would be helpful



You get her out of here while I distract Wily!

Oh didn't you notice Dive Man's decapitated head?



I would gladly give up my sad, miserable existence if it meant Ka nka would live to see another sunrise

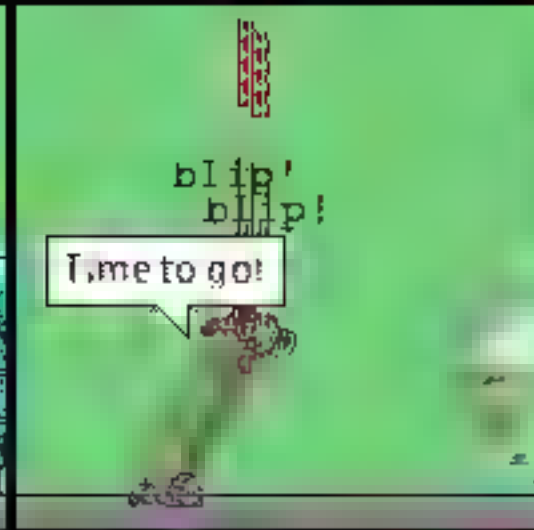


Hey, what happened to your asthma?

I guess it disappeared, just in time for my noble sacrifice. Go figure





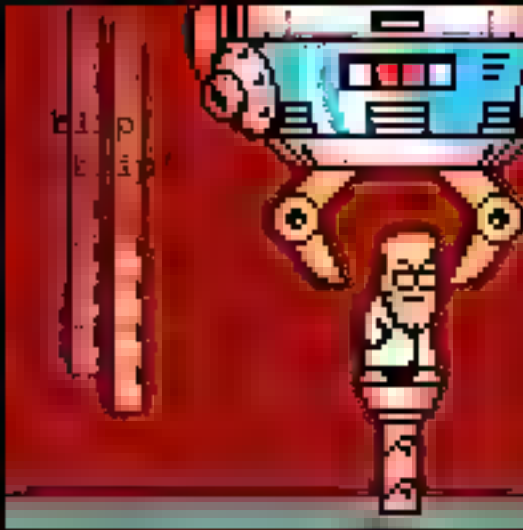


You stupid, stupid frog! You may have destroyed my machine and allowed Kanku to escape but as long as my fortress stands I can always build another machine. As long as I live Kanku will NEVER be safe!

I... KNOW...

What? What is that?  
Is that a firecracker?

pop!  
sss!



What the hell  
happened to you?

I just crawled over 80 miles  
on my mutated stump,  
that used to be arms to  
fight the evil Dr. Co, back!

That's great but why  
didn't you just use your  
teleportation unit?

Um...

A+ w T L h A

SON OF A--

Oh wait yeah it's  
broken that's why

Well, bad news Mega Man  
It turns out Dr. Cossack isn't  
actually the bad guy in this  
video game. It's Dr. Wily.

What? WHAT? That's  
what I thought in the  
first place. But you said  
it was Dr. Cossack.

I was RIGHT THERE in Dr.  
Wily's fortress but you  
stopped me! You asshole!  
You said it was Cossack!

Yeah, sorry. My bad.

So now what do we do?

Well, first we...

Dr. Wily!

Thought I was dead? Hah  
Not only am I not dead  
but I'm also going to take  
over the world, this time  
without anyone's help!

Oh and by the way I'm  
going to exact revenge  
for your betrayal, Proto  
Man. Probably not right  
now but definitely in  
time for the next game

My shitty day, just  
got shittier didn't it?

Okay, so here we  
are Now what?

You know... this place  
seems kinda familiar...  
but something's missing

Rumble...  
Rumble...

GWAR!

Oh, there we go

What the hell is that?!

That would be Gamma,  
somehow rebuilt  
from the last game



That is absolutely the most  
absurd thing I have ever  
heard. Even if we allow for  
the possibility that...



OH GOD! MY SPLEEN!





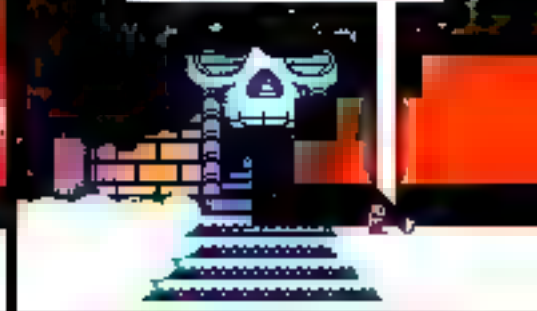
God... this is the worst...  
pain I have... ever felt.  
There is NO WAY... this  
could hurt... any more



GWAR!



I... was... wrong...



And that's how Eddie and I defeated Dr. Wily and saved the day. Unfortunately, we never found Stan's brain and the Soviet Union collapsed. With the subsequent cutbacks, Eddie could no longer be a 600-foot killing machine and had to be significantly reduced in size.



So no one knows what happened to Stan's brain?

It's assumed to have been destroyed along with the rest of Dr. Wily's lab.



Look at me! I'm a smart!

Bass. Put that back.



I have to admit that you  
tel a good story Ran but  
I just can't believe it!

Hey guys, I...

AAAAAAAAHHHH!!!

Boo

We interrupt  
this comic  
for a special  
news report.

We interrupt this comic  
to bring you a breaking  
BnG News report



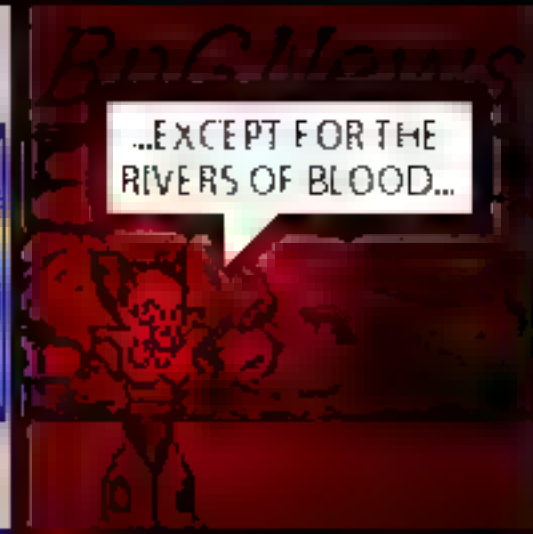
Monkeys are flying  
out of my butt



We now return you  
to your regular  
scheduled comic.

Ook!  
Ook!





Today on BnG News  
we've got a stirring  
debate between  
two long time rivals



I am not Gyro Man  
I am Myrmadon, a Gyro  
Man reco or I repeat,  
I am NOT Gyro Man



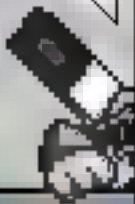
I am Gyro Man



Thank you both for  
clearing that up



Hi there, makeup girl  
You like my big  
helicopter blades?



Oh yeah, you like  
stroking them, don't  
you? You better be  
careful, they might...



AAAAHHH!!!



AAAAHHH!!!

...need a new  
makeup girl



We now live go to Mike,  
who's on the scene of  
a breaking news story



Mega Man, I'm here at  
the Tokyo Municipal  
Orphanage, where a  
fire has broken out



There's smoke everywhere  
and children running  
around and... hey, it's Ro!



Ro!, what are  
you doing here?

Eating babies





You're doing *what*?

Eating babies. I know, I was supposed to wait for you, but there was this fire...

...and well, I just couldn't pass up the opportunity for some nice roasted ba...

Er... I mean, I'm here helping the elderly

This, just in Eyewitnesses  
have reported seeing a  
young woman fleeing  
the scene of the horrible  
orphanage disaster



BnG News' own sketch  
artist has prepared this  
rendition of what the  
woman may look like



Artist's Rendition  
(not actual picture)

I don't know  
why they hired  
me either



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This just n' BnG News  
own sketch artist has  
just been sacked

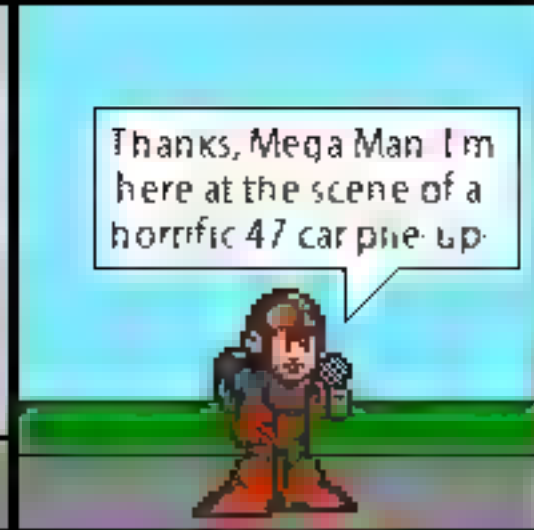


Our new sketch artist has  
prepared a new rendition  
of the *Orphanage Slayer*®



NEW  
Artist's Rendition





Sh t, it's the cops!

Go! Go!



I'm okay!



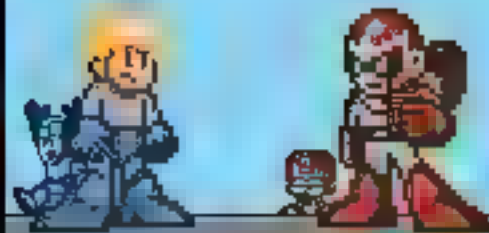
Well *that's* not good



So what's the deal  
with Mega Man? Is  
he still evil or what?



I don't think so. We  
tortured him for weeks  
and he seems to be back  
to his old stupid self.



Is that a good thing  
or a bad thing?

I haven't decided yet.



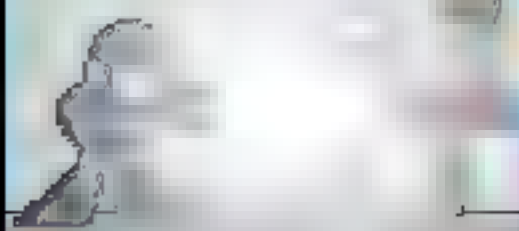
I'm still a little confused  
about what actually happened



Oh, well it's really  
quite simple



But it all started  
when... hmmm...



Okay, it's actually  
long and complicated



It all started back when  
Mega Man suddenly  
got paranoid for no  
particular reason

they'll hear you

It turns out the paranoia  
was due to a predest nation  
paradox created by Mega  
Man himself later on

Fwoosh

Wait a whata-whata-whata!

Just say "I hate time  
travel" and let's move on



This series of events lead  
to the introduction of  
both you and Bob...



Wait, I already know this  
I was THERE remember?



Yes, but did you know  
that your arrival caused  
the freak wormhole that  
sent Bass back in time?

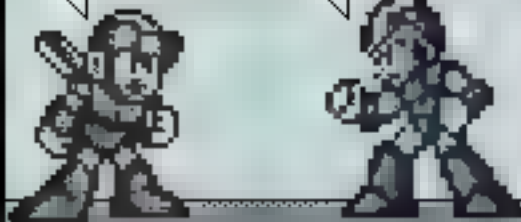


Oh... no

Then shut the hell up



Mega Man and an X from the future went back in time to make things right



When they came back, they brought the mind wiped Mega Man from the past with them



It turns out X knew about a device Dr. Light from the present had that could fix the Mega Man of the past



Ow I think my brain just broke

That can happen



But before Dr Light could fix the Mega Man of the past, Bass borrowed him and took him to Dr Wily



Dr Wily convinced Mega Man's success was due to his dumb luck and stupidity programming, took the opportunity to remove it

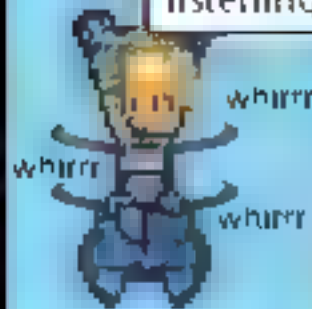


No body knows...  
the trouble we seen...



The Author then sent Mega Man back to the past where you ended up and were captured...

Are you even listening to me?



However the Dr Light of the past wasn't too happy about Mega Man being so smart. so he "fixed" him.



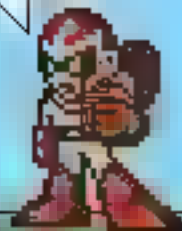
When I detected your intentions to make me stupid again though I was w  
But a small bit of his intelligence escaped hiding in a dark corner of Mega Man's mind you would never find it

This tiny piece slowly festered over time eventually becoming more and more evil



Oh, I had one of those once but the doctor said it was just an eyelash

I... what?



totally outsmarted

Eventually that little piece of evil was able to formulate its escape

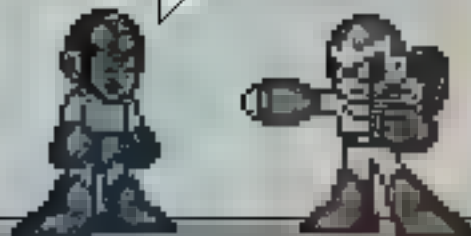
Dr. Light drinks



All it needed was a couple of good blaster shots directly to the head and a bout of binge drinking



Which we all happily unknowingly provided

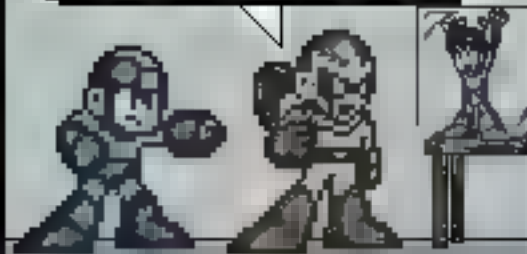


How ingeniously idiotic.

Mega Man in a nutshell



Once the evil was released, Mega Man began systematically eliminating the cast



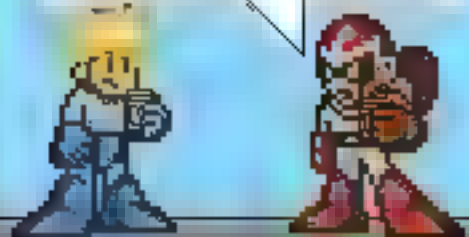
Starting with shooting me in the back...



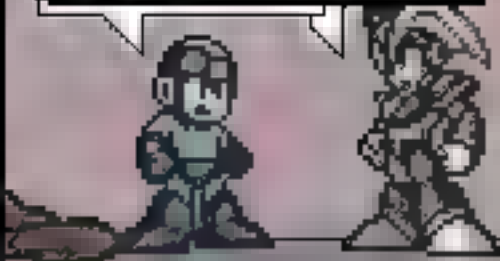
...and then tossing me down the stairs into the basement



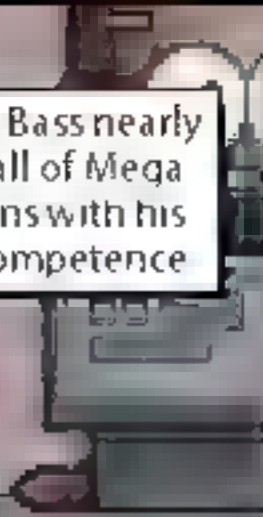
Do you have any idea how hard it is to look cool when you're hanging upside down in a crappy basement?



Next he took out Roll,  
and then recruited Bass  
to be his evil minion



Of course Bass nearly  
derailed all of Mega  
Man's plans with his  
sheer incompetence



Not only did he fail  
to properly dispose  
of Roll's body, but he  
couldn't even poison  
the ice cream right

Wh...



Yeah, that's the last  
time I ever try poison-  
flavored ice cream.



This came to a head while Mega Man was fighting Dr. Light in the giant mecha suits.



Nate was able to persuade Bass to join with him to defeat Mega Man...

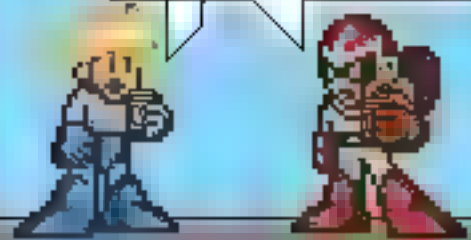


And together they were able to stall Mega Man until everyone could recover from the first round of attacks.



I don't seem to recall seeing you there

I was busy being unconsciously cool in the basement

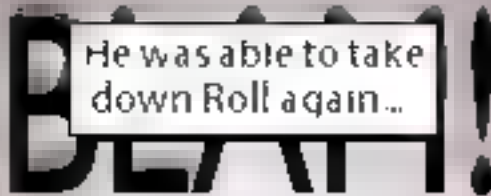




Unfortunately Mega Man  
was prepared for Bass  
complete incompetence



He was able to take  
down Roll again...



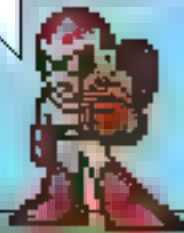
And he had laced the  
ice cream with explosive  
nanobots in case the  
poison didn't work



BOOM!  
BOOM!

You remember  
that don't you?

Remember? Everything  
still tastes like Chadling



But what Mega Man  
hadn't prepared for was  
that Nate had physically  
merged with Bass...



Who...to form an even  
stronger adversary  
known as "Bate"



Who then promptly  
knocked Mega Man  
into an open portal



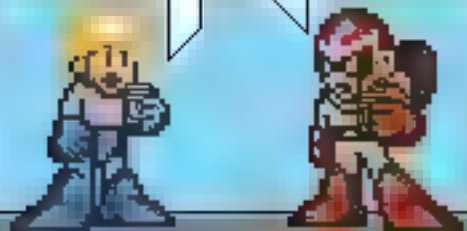
Wait... Bate? As in mast

Yes. We already did  
that awful, awful joke



Did I just see Mynd in that flashback? What happened to him?

Oh Bate just smacked him back into the portal too



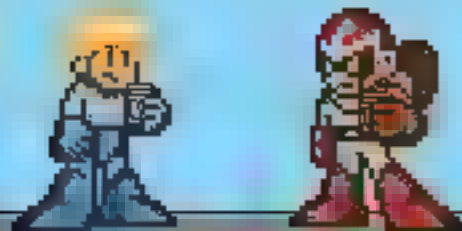
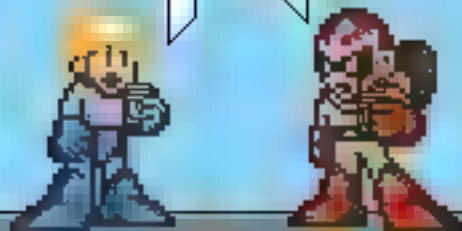
Oh... so no attempts to destroy us all again or anything?

Nope right back into the portal



Well that's rather anti-climactic.

Yup



So what happened to  
Mega Man after he went  
through the portal?



Well, one possibility is  
that he has teamed up  
with Mynd in yet another  
attempt to kill us all



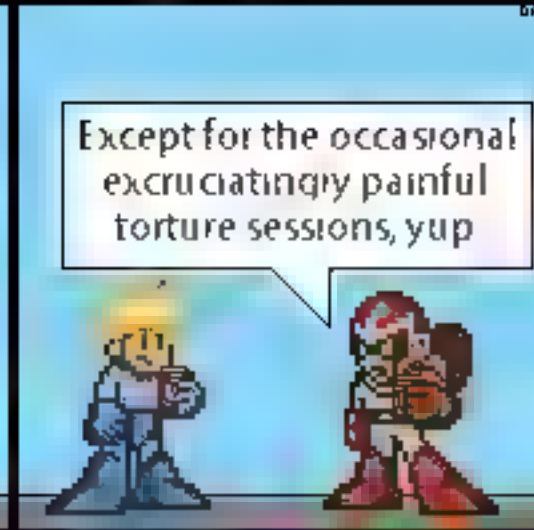
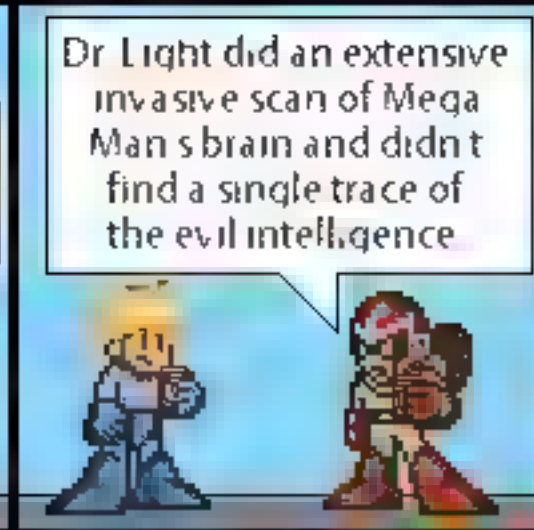
Oh Maybe they had  
an epic battle where  
they killed each other



What the hell are  
you drinking?

Redrum...





You know there's just one thing that still bothers me about this whole thing

Just one?

Why wasn't I affected by those explosive nanobots like Chadling was? I ate just as much ice cream as he did

I guess it could be my innate electrical nature but surely the evil Mega Man would've taken that into account

A wizard did it

I'm serious about this.  
Why didn't I die?

Isn't it obvious?



We've already seen that since your name is in the title of the comic, you can't just die. But since you really should have there must be a very convoluted reason you didn't which will probably be explored in the next storyline.



Oh, of course. Why didn't I think of that?

Because you're dumb and I'm not.



Now go talk to Dr Light  
and advance the plot while  
I torture Mega Man again



Mega Man Time for  
horrendous torture



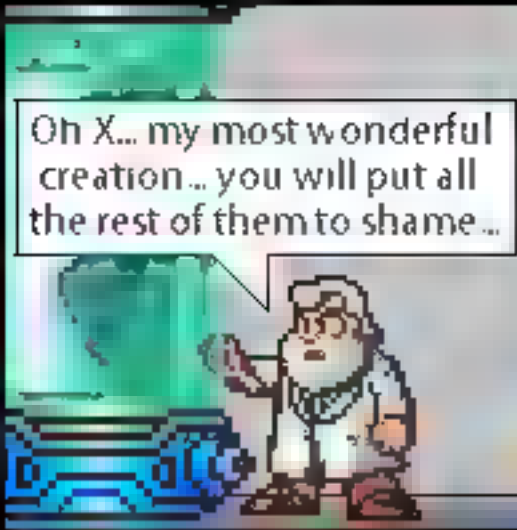
Yay Quality family time



He almost takes all  
the fun out of this.







Wow looks like X is coming along nicely

Yes, he should be ready soon



It's a shame you'll have to store him away for 30 years for testing

I'm doing what now?



You know, the 30-year testing to make sure he doesn't go berserk and kill everyone...



You have no idea what I'm talking about do you?

Not a bloody clue



Look I don't know what  
you're talking about  
All of my creations work  
absolutely perfectly

AAAAHHH!!!

Except him.

Did you come down here  
for a reason, George?

Oh yeah, Proto Man said  
I was supposed to come  
down here and talk to  
you to advance the plot  
or something like that


STOP THAT

So you want to advance  
the plot, huh? What did  
you have in mind?

Well, I was kind of  
wondering why  
I didn't die when  
Mega Man attacked


I did what now?

GET OUT OF THERE

A comic panel showing two characters in a room. On the left, a character with a beard and a white lab coat stands with his hands on his hips. On the right, a smaller character in a blue suit stands with their hands clasped. A blue robot head is partially visible on the far left. A speech bubble from the bearded character asks a question.

Wait doesn't Mega Man remember attacking us?

Not a bit

A comic panel showing the same two characters in the same room. A blue robot head is now on a pedestal in the background, emitting a green beam of light. A speech bubble from the bearded character continues the conversation.

He claims the last thing he remembers before waking up in the back room of my lab is having an eyelash in his eye.

There's a back room to the lab? Where?

A comic panel showing the same two characters in the same room. The blue robot head is still on the pedestal. A speech bubble from the bearded character continues the conversation.

...in the back...

Oh...

Doesn't it seem a little convenient for him to just forget about attacking us?

Of course it does, but I've thoroughly scanned him, and he has absolutely no memory of attacking us.

Obviously someone very skilled must have erased those memories and removed all traces of his evil intelligence as well

I think I smell a conspiracy here...

or maybe that's just your old man smell

So who's capable of the type of programming you're talking about?

There are only two robotists capable of such a thing Dr Why and Dr Cossack, but Dr Cossack is a friend

As for Why this really isn't his MO. Even though he tries to take over the world, he's never really made it this personal before

What about the time he sent Bass to ransack your lab?

That doesn't count



Nevertheless, you said  
you were wondering  
why you didn't die when  
Mega Man attacked?

Right I mean, I ate just  
as much of those nano-  
bots as Chadinq, so why  
didn't I explode too?

Did a wizard do it?

No

Ah, then there's only  
one other answer...

Time Travel

Nooooo

Calm down

NO I don't wanna  
time travel EVER

Just listen

NO No Time travel is  
bad BAD George no  
want to hang again

The time suit has  
been improved

I'm not listening  
LALA LALA LA

Fifteen minutes later...

Now then as  
I was saying...

la la la la.




The new suit has a new intangibility factor. Once activated, you can phase out of normal space.

By doing this, you become ~~completely~~ ~~un~~ ~~int~~ ~~er~~ ~~ec~~ ~~t~~ ~~a~~ ~~b~~ ~~l~~ ~~e~~ to everyone in that time



There's ~~no way~~ anyone  
could see ~~or hear~~ you.  
much ~~not~~ capture and  
hang you from a ceiling



George never  
listens to my  
mother's comments?





Whoa! A drug-  
induced coma!

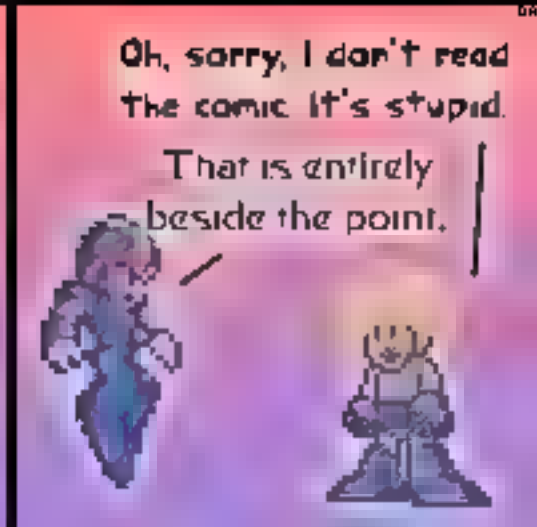


Cool! I'm all  
glowy and stuff!



But why do  
I have a  
bad feeling  
about this?





Look, the point is that every drug induced coma has to have a spirit guide.



My soul happened to be available since I haven't been "born" yet, so I was recruited to be yours



What? Gobbledygook!  
Robots don't have souls!



Remind me to hate you after I'm born.



Regardless of your opinion on the existence of robotic souls, I am here to deliver a very important message and I must relay it before you die



I'm going to die?!  
No, but you are certainly gullible.



Remind me to hate you too.

Will do, dork.



So what's your  
important message?  
You're not  
gonna like it.



So? What is it?  
You're not  
gonna like it.  
I don't care!  
Tell me!



The fate of the very  
world hinges on you  
traveling through time.



I don't like it  
Told you.





How can the fate of  
the world possibly hinge  
on whether or not  
I travel through time?



I mean, do I change  
something in the past  
that adversely  
affects the future?



Or do I prevent something  
from happening that  
should have happened  
in the first place?



How the hell am  
I supposed to know?



Okay, maybe I *am* the  
spirit guide, and maybe  
I *am* from the future



But that doesn't  
necessarily mean I have  
any idea what you'll end  
up doing in the past



Oh... well, I guess.



Besides, I promised  
I wouldn't tel you.



Damn you!

So you DO know  
what I'm going to  
do in the past?



Yeah, but I'm not allowed  
to tell you what it is.  
Then what the  
hell is the point?



Oh, I'm distracting you  
while Dr. Light sticks you  
in the time suit and  
sends you back in time.



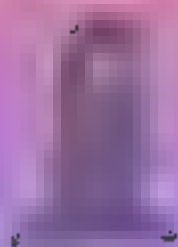
GOD DAMN IT



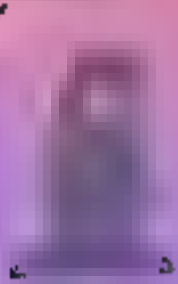
How was that?



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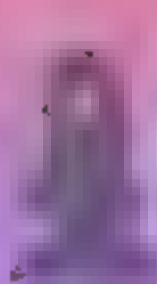


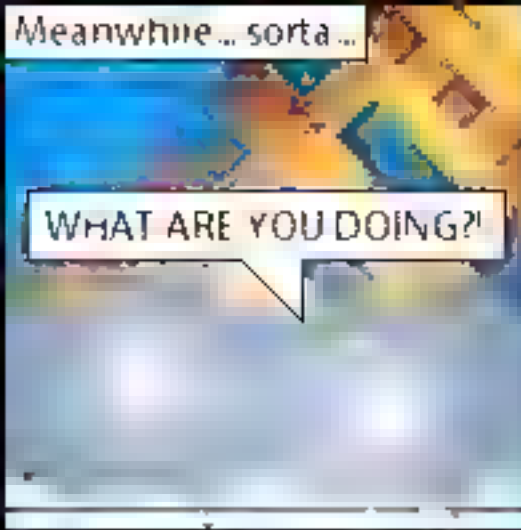
DUN DUN DUN



Do you mind?

What?





And what are you even doing here? How can you be in this storyline and that storyline at the same time?



You mean aside from the fact that this storyline is supposed to be a flashback that actually happened months ago?



Uh... yes, aside from that



Magical Shadowy Author powers.



Okay that's it Just  
breathe deep and relax.  
This is no time to panic.



Let's review our sad little  
situation where we hide  
in the closet shall we?



So you're stuck somewhere in the past, you're  
not exactly sure where but there's a time machine  
strapped to your back but you have no idea how  
to use it even to get back to your own time



As if that weren't bad enough, somewhere out there you  
have a sociopathic robot running around trying to kill  
the you that belongs in this time and if you do anything  
to prevent it you'll probably erase yourself from time



Right Time to panic.



AAAAAAAAAAHHH!!



What the...?



You have a collect call  
from the future Do you  
accept the charges?







Hello George

Dr Light You bastard

What?

How dare you send me  
into the past without my  
permission You know  
I didn't want to go

Well you didn't complain  
when I put the time suit  
on you and sent you back

THAT'S BECAUSE  
I WAS IN A COMA

Fine If you re going to be that way I'll just hang up and leave you on your own I've got better things to do than get yelled at



If you don't apologize I'll just leave you stuck here in the past, with a time machine you don't know how to use



Well?



I'm thinking.  
I'm thinking

Wait a minute. Why the hell do I have to apologize to you? You're the one who forced me into the past in the first place.



Well yes, but that's besides the point. Apologize or I'll leave you stuck in the past.

I've got another idea.



How about you tell me how the time machine works and I don't tell evil Mega Man where you'll be hiding later?



Hmm... how about that? I think I just had a change of heart.



Now as you may have noticed, there is but one button on the time machine

You can access different functions by varying the amount of pressure duration, and frequency of button presses.

To access the main menu lightly tap the button..

Wait why not just have more than one button?

For simplicity of use, naturally



Now to access the main menu, tap the button lightly twice then slowly three times, then twelve times at medium-fast...



Twenty minutes later...

...but whatever you do don't press it really hard or you might activate the auto self-destruct



You know, maybe I should be writing all this down...



Jesus, George it's only one button



Anyway where was I?

Accidentally setting  
off the self destruct

Right it's very touchy  
so don't press it too hard  
or the suit might explode  
with the fire of a thou-  
sand suns... with you in it

Uh... are you sure there  
isn't an easier way to  
program this time-  
traveling death trap?

Well, I suppose  
there's always the  
voice commands...

Voice commands? Why didn't you mention that twenty minutes ago?

Well, it's just one button... why would you want to use the voice commands?

How does it work?

Oh, well, you just tell the suit what you want to do and it does it

Then why the hell am I talking to you?

My sparkling personality?

Now that I know how this stupid machine works, I'm coming back right now



Wait, George think about this. You said you wanted to find out why you didn't die right?



Well, you're already in the past so why not at least use the suit to answer your questions?



I hate it when you're right.

Which unfortunately for you is all the time





All right fine So I just  
tell the suit I want to go  
intangible and it'll do it?

Right

Just make sure to...kssshh  
kssskssskssshhh...or else  
you might...kssshhkhksss  
kssssh...and die horribly

If you would like to  
continue this call, please  
insert \$75 264 for an  
additional five minutes.

bzzt!

GOD DAMN IT  
ALL OVER AGAIN

Okay George it's okay  
you're stuck in the past  
but you're intangible

No one can see you  
no one can hear you,  
no one can touch you...

And more importantly no  
one can hang you from a  
ceiling for six months...

H. George



Bass: You can see me?!

Just barely

You can hear me?!



I can see and hear a much greater range of frequencies than those of Light bots.



Dr Light must not have taken that into account when he programmed the intangibility mode



Hey Listen to me I sound all smart and stuff!



Yeah, basically you need  
to be out of phase more  
to be invisible to me




Anyway I gotta go poison  
you and Chadling now



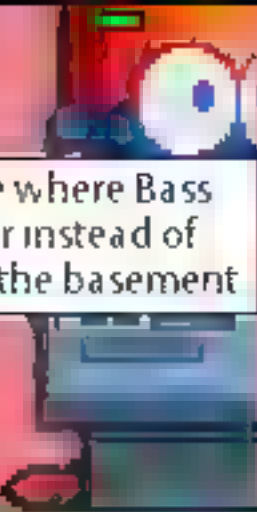
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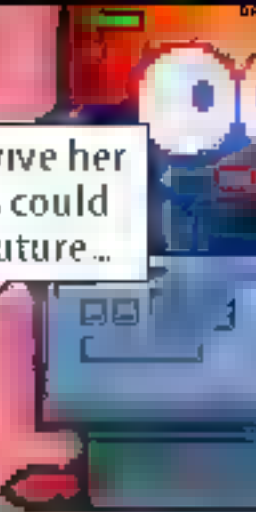
Okay, that's right up  
there on my list of the  
weirdest things that have  
ever happened to me



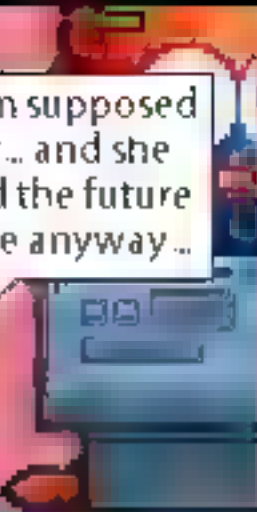
Oh my god It's Roll



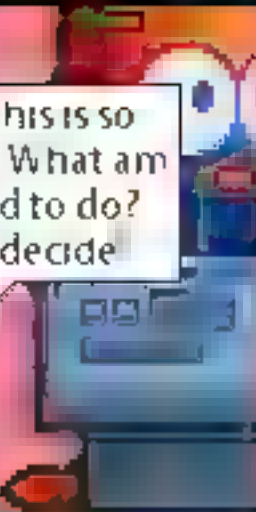
This must be where Bass  
dumped her instead of  
taking her to the basement




If I try to revive her  
her actions could  
affect the future...



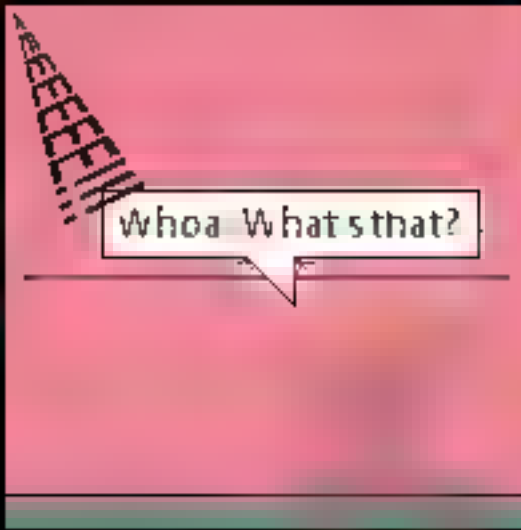
But maybe I'm supposed  
to revive her... and she  
could die and the future  
would change anyway...



Arrqgh This is so  
confusing What am  
I supposed to do?  
I have to decide



Eh, maybe if her  
boobs were bigger



Whoa... what are you?

Rick rick



What?

Rick rick



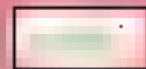
Rick rick rick rick.  
Rick rick rick rick rick



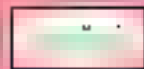
Timmy fell in a well?



scribble, scribble



"My name is Mini Rick.  
I desperately need your  
help to save the Author"



Well why didn't  
you just say so?



So, we're going to save the Author huh? Is he stuck in time? Maybe a special Author prison?

Cause I mean, whatever it is that can hold the Author against his will must be...

He's in a jar...

Am I missing something?

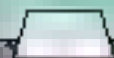
That is no ordinary jar  
It has been specifically  
constructed to hold  
the Author prisoner

scribble, scribble

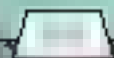


Its powers are vast and not  
to be underestimated This  
leads me to conclude that  
there is a huge conspir...

scribble, scribble



CRASH!



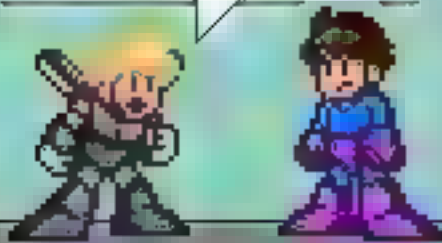
Can I go now?



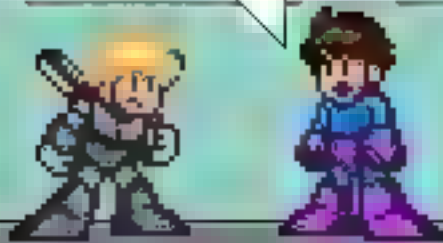
Thanks a lot, George  
Who knows how long  
I would've been stuck  
in there if you hadn't  
happened along



Oh... I get it now I help  
you out of the jar and  
you save me from the  
explosive nanobots?

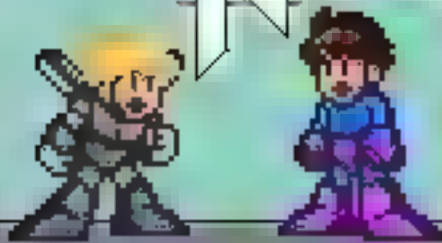


I was planning on doing  
that anyway but this way  
it looks like I planned  
it this way all along



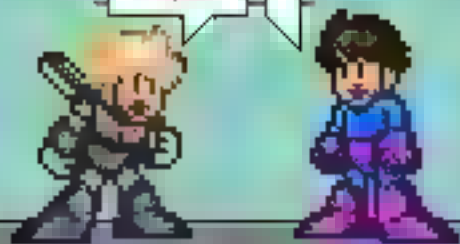
How convoluted

Would I do it  
any other way?



Anyway you've got a destiny to fulfill, so you'd best get a move on

Right



Go find out why you didn't die and don't forget to keep your intangibility on



Now... what else was I supposed to do?

Ahem...



Oh, right



All right let me  
change you back.



Now then, what  
*sha* I we do?

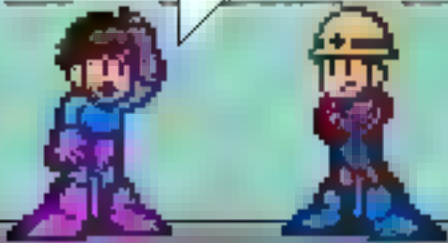


Can't you think  
of *anything*?

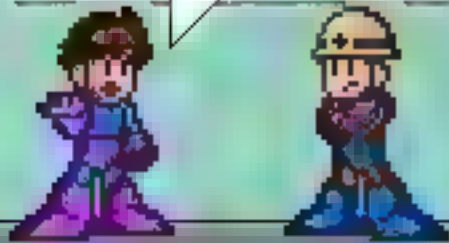
BEER!



Rick you know I d love to go have a beer with you, but I can t just abandon the comic right now



I mean not only is there an evil Mega Man running around but then there s the whole thing with...



Screw it Let s go



Now... if I remember correctly that poisoned ice cream was somewhere around here...

**ROAR!!**



Oh, hi again George



Yeah, this looks like the place



# CRACK!

Ooh... that looks  
like it hurt...

# WOOSH!

# CRASH!

A little help?

No f... way





Come on man at least  
distract him long enough  
for me to attack him:



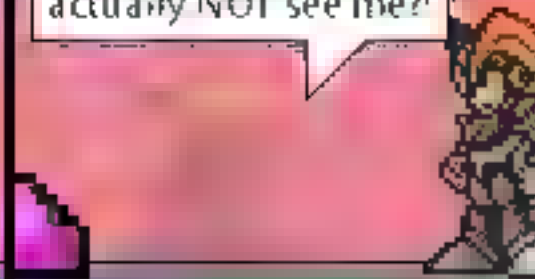
Hello? I'm intangible? How  
am I supposed to distract  
him when he can't see me?



**George...?**



Damnit Can anyone  
actually NOT see me?!





Jesus, Bass, did you have to make such a mess?

Sorry

Yeah, whatever Look I'm going to go check my body for exploding nanobots. You have fun with Chadling's hand

His what?

Oh crud vapors...

Oh God! No!!  
AAAAHHH!!

Oh, look, there I am,  
lifeless and still

I don't bend that way!

It's kind of weird to see  
myself like this... from an  
outside perspective...

The pain! The pain!  
Oh God! The pain!

No! Not my...

Bass, do you mind?  
I'm trying to have a  
profound moment


Sorry...

Let's see... according to these readings, my body is still infested with those explosive nanobots...

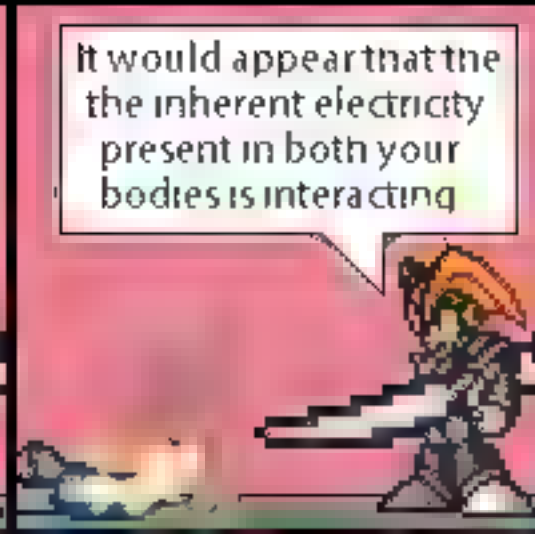
INCOMING!!

Whoa

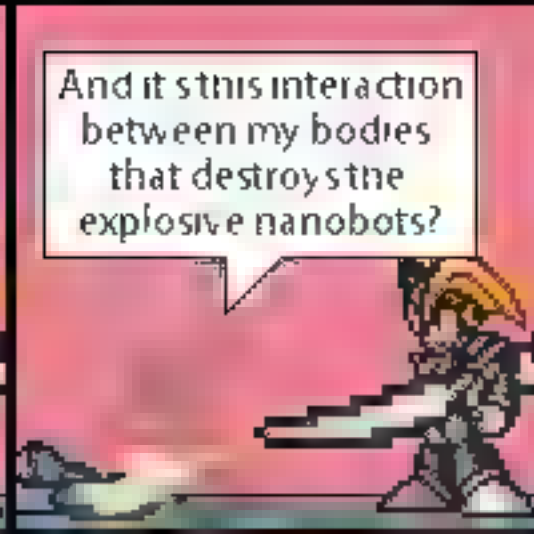
Wait... why the hell did I jump out of the way?



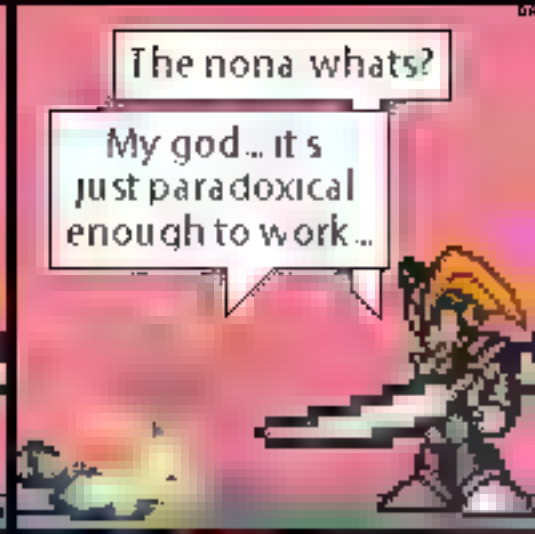
Whoa. What the hell?



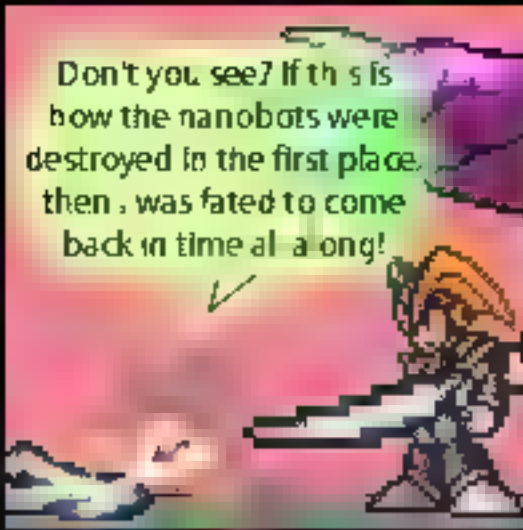
It would appear that the  
the inherent electricity  
present in both your  
bodies is interacting



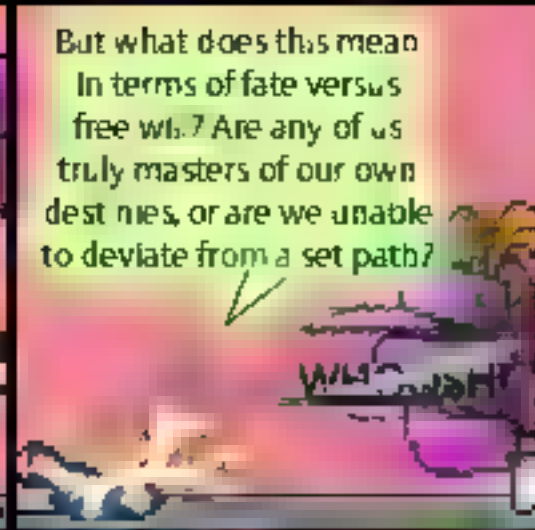
And it's this interaction  
between my bodies  
that destroys the  
explosive nanobots?



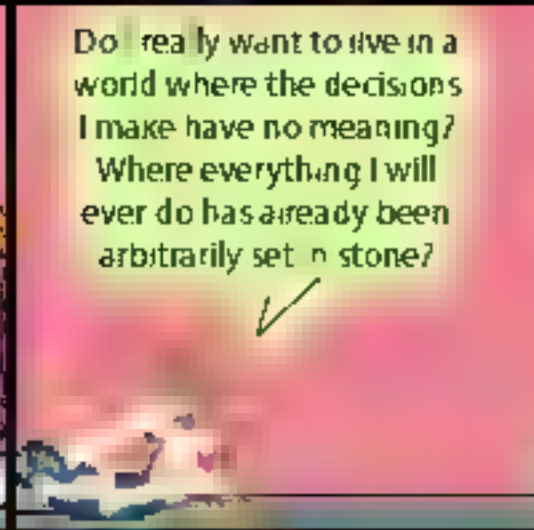
The nona whats?  
My god... it's  
just paradoxical  
enough to work...



Don't you see? If this is  
how the nanobots were  
destroyed in the first place,  
then, was fated to come  
back in time all along!



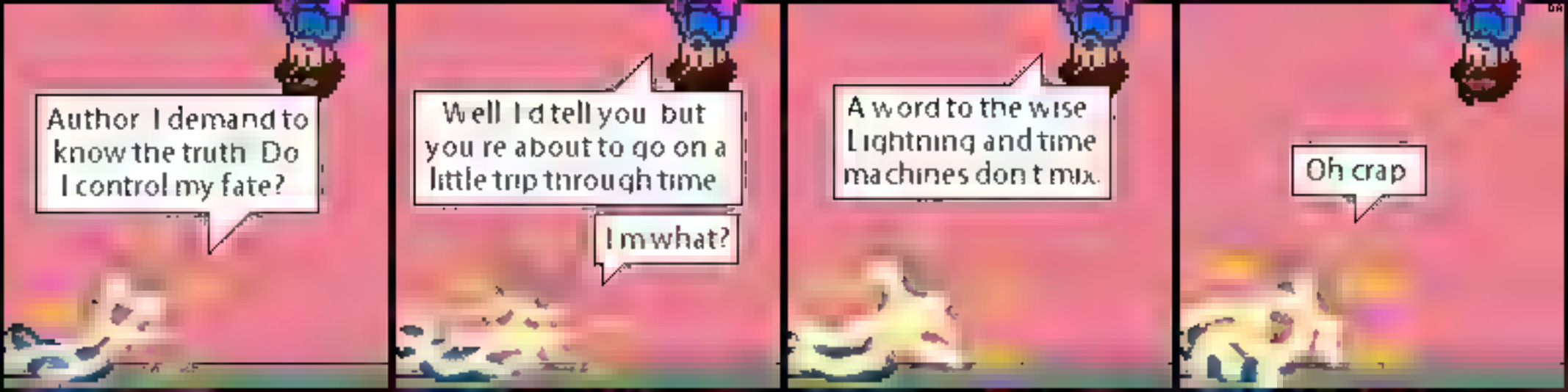
But what does this mean  
In terms of fate versus  
free will? Are any of us  
truly masters of our own  
destinies, or are we unable  
to deviate from a set path?



Do I really want to live in a  
world where the decisions  
I make have no meaning?  
Where everything I will  
ever do has already been  
arbitrarily set in stone?



Welcome to the Matrix,  
Mister Anderson..



Author I demand to  
know the truth Do  
I control my fate?

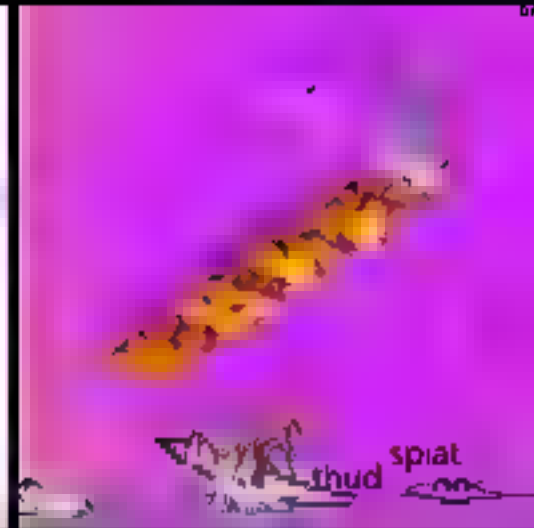
Well I'd tell you but  
you're about to go on a  
little trip through time

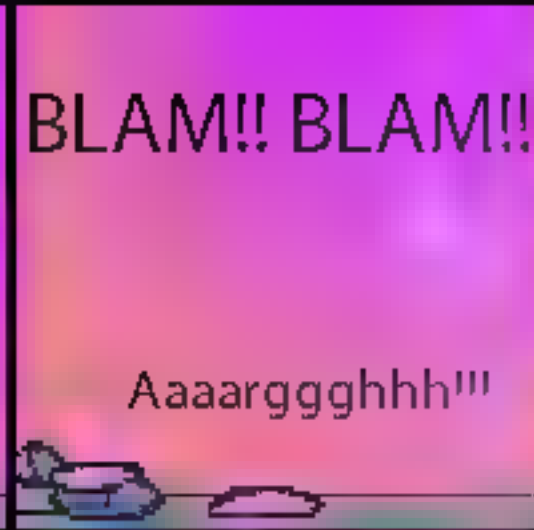
I'm what?

A word to the wise  
Lightning and time  
machines don't mix.

Oh crap







Oh... my head...  
what happened?

Wait, now I remember...  
the electrical interaction  
between my bodies...

It must've reacted with  
the time suit and caused  
it to activate accidentally

So now I'm really lost  
in time... but at least I'm  
still intangible for all  
the good it did me

Well, at least I don't think  
it can get any worrr...

Uh-oh.

Crash!

Pop!

Thank!

Okay George don't  
freak out, don't freak  
out don't freak out

Your time suit is broken,  
you're stuck in the past  
and you're still intangible  
for some insane reason

But you know Bass  
and Chadling can see  
and hear you and they  
can get you help

Of course you realize  
the only reason you're  
not freaking out is that  
you don't truly know  
how bad it is yet

All right, one of the first things I need to do is locate Bass so I can get his help

But before I can figure out where he is, I need to know what time period I'm in

You know, considering the circumstances, I think I'm taking this whole thing rather well

That's because you've obviously gone crazy

What? Who said that?

Nobody likes you

No Master likes me Master's my friend

You don't have any friends Smeagol

No Leave me alone

Kill them! Yes, kill them all!

Wait, who's Smeago?

Oh, sorry my bad Wrong lunatic

Bass: I finally found you  
I've been running all  
around looking for you

I've been hurled back  
in time and now the  
time suit is broken  
and I'm still intangl...

Well, we can't keep it in my  
room cause there's an evil  
monkey that lives in my closet

You know, the sad part  
is, he wasn't always evil



It looks like no one wants  
anymore ice cream. I guess  
we'll just have to throw  
these extra gallons out



Do you guys hear that?

Nope Must be  
your imagination

Why do I feel like  
I should be dressing  
up for Halloween?

Flashback fluke

Man, this ice cream is good  
Too bad we had to throw  
away all that extra stuff

That's okay I don't think  
I could eat another bite

<So am I like  
a lion, or what?>

<I think you're a dog.>

<Are you sure?  
I feel like a lion.>





Meanwhile...

Hey Dr Light have you seen George we...



I haven't seen him. And I certainly didn't stick him in the time suit and send him back in time



Oh God It's all true I've surely sent George back to face a certain, painful death I'm a terrible terrible person



Right well, we were just wondering... for the Halloween party... that's all



My God... what have I done?



\*Translated from dog-speak

"Okay, I checked online  
I think you're supposed  
to be a wolf of some kind



Whoa Really? I never  
imagined I was a wild  
and dangerous animal...



Uh... you know  
you're still just a  
robotic wolf, right?



No time for that  
I have to go maul  
some campers!



Rush, have you ever  
thought about being  
a super hero?

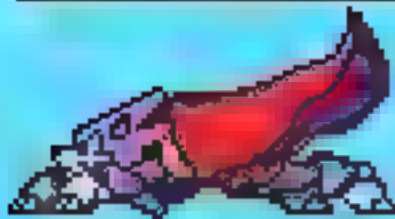
What?



You know a super hero  
Like Mega Man and Bass.  
Well, I guess Bass isn't  
exactly a super hero but  
you know what I mean



And, know we're just  
support units to them,  
and I guess that means  
we qualify even lower  
than side-kicks, but...



No, no I haven't  
Now stop talking

Spoil sport



So I was thinking...

Whoa scary thought



See There you go again You re always treating me in a demeaning manner

You re right I obviously have some self anger issues and I m unfairly taking it out on you And I m sorry

Oh... okay So anyway, I was thinking...



Whoa Stop the presses.

I hate you...

And, hate me too



Does it ever upset you that without Mega Man and Bass, we're essentially useless?

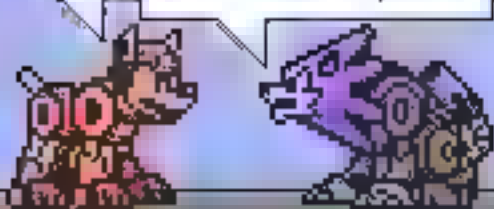


I mean really without them to interface with, we're nothing more than glorified Aibo's.



Are you kidding? We're the most technologically advanced household pets ever created.

Oh? What can you do that's so great?



SPACING!



Wait, if we're so friggin' advanced why can't we even speak Human?

Oh but can now



What?!

Yeah back when I was first created, the smart Mega Man reinstalled my voice synthesizer



But... but... that doesn't... how can you... buh...

Oh, wait, I have just the thing



I HATE TIME TRAVEL



I'm telling you R2 never  
had his memory wiped.  
He knew what was  
going on through the  
entire original trilogy.



And what about C-3PO?

Ah, that gay bot got  
his mind wiped so  
much, I'm surprised  
he can still stand up.



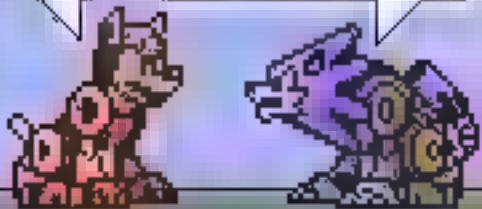
Gay bot? Can droids  
even BE gay?

I certainly hope so, or  
he's going to be awfully  
lonely all by himself in  
the gay droid bar.



Maybe you've put  
a little too much  
thought into this...

Just wait til you  
read my fan-fic.





You know it's probably not very PC to call C-3PO a gay bot just because of the way he acts.



Yes, any prejudice or discrimination based solely on appearances is just plain wrong.



Hey guys: Whatcha talking about?



God, I ~~really~~ hate cats.

Yeah, they're so prissy and bitchy. The only good cat is a dead cat.



I am filled with an  
unexplained anger

Me too I am  
irrationally angry

Why are you angry?

Well...

You know what?  
I don't really care

Let's take out our anger  
on an innocent member  
of another group that  
we already have reason  
to hate and or fear

Yeah Let's beat the  
hell out of the cat

Meep

Wait Is this really what  
we've been reduced to?

What do you mean?



I mean, I know we're  
robotic dogs and all, but  
does that really mean we  
have to behave like them?




Can't we break through  
the molds society has  
placed on our copor...

Mew...



KILL THE KITTY





Come on you don't have to do this. You can overcome your base programming

You really think we can become more than mere robotic versions of common household pets?

We all have it within ourselves to become more than the sum of our parts, become more than our creators designed us to be

Except you two cause you're just stupid dogs.



Still in dog speak.

You know being so close  
to death has really taught  
me something about... \*



grrr.

SHUT UP ALREADY



What? What?  
You can hear me?



Of course I can, I'm a dog.  
We can hear a greater  
range of frequencies  
than normal humans.



Wait... since when can  
you speak English?



Shit... um...  
woof woof?



How the hell can  
you speak English?

Well...



One long story later...

And that show I can  
now speak human



That whole thing is  
absolutely convoluted

And why exactly  
are you invisible?



Oh, yeah, good point.





Wait a minute... I'm  
invisible to you?

Ooh, look at the  
big brain on you



Ha If you can't see  
me how can you  
see my big brain?!



Did turning invisible  
make you stupid?

It's entirely possible



Now how did you  
turn yourself invisible?

Oh, it's a long story



The short version is that  
I'm from the future and  
stuck in intangible mode



Ah... time travel So  
we'll be asking Dr. Light  
for some assistance?

No way



I'm not letting that fat,  
old senile bastard get  
anywhere near me



Besides, we can't go talk to Dr. Light since it might change the timeline



And talking to me won't?

Of course not. You're just an unimportant secondary character.



Of course. That means I need to find a secondary character to help me.



Now then... who has the technical capability to... hey, where are you going?

Get back here.  
Bad dog. Heel.

I was just kidding.  
Of course you're important.

Hey, I saw that.  
How dare you flip me off?!

Well, shut

Rush I was kidding  
Don't be mad at me  
You're my only hope



Don't worry about it  
I was just getting you  
some additional help



Really? Good dog  
Who'd you get?



Hi George



Bass? BASS?! Of ALL the people you could get why d you pick him?!



Well, he s a secondary character Isn t that what you wanted?



But he s important to the next storyline He could change time

Oh Well, it s a little late now isn t it?



So does he want  
my help or what?

I don't know

I can't make anything  
useful out amid the  
incoherent babbling

It's too bad we can't see  
him. I bet he's making all  
sorts of funny faces too

Hey... that gives me  
a really stupid idea

So where are we going?

To Dr Wily's lab



I figure he could figure out how you can hear George and adjust me to see and hear him too



Hmm... I think you're right...



That is a really stupid idea

I warned you



Are we there yet?

For the last time no



I'm bored Don't you even have a radio to listen to?

Sorry but I guess Dr Wily didn't consider FM a useful feature



And no surfing jokes!

No

But...





You want me to analyze the range of frequencies Rush can hear then augment your own systems to allow you to see and hear those frequencies as well, in an effort to see and hear George whom you seem to think is from the future and stuck in some sort of intangible form?

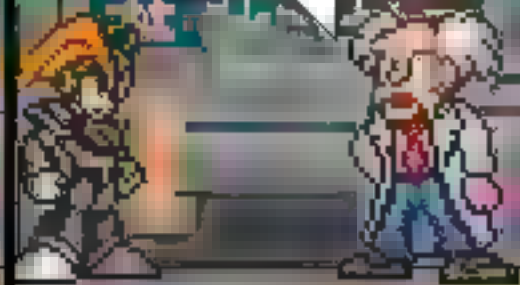


Has anyone mentioned how stupid an idea this is?

Repeatedly



All right then  
Let's get started



All right one final  
adjustment and we  
should be done



Of course it's so obvious:  
By substituting strings  
for subatomic particles,  
the quantum fluctuations  
should exactly cancel out



Not only that but string  
theory could potentially  
unite both quantum



We'll be having  
none of *that*

Green That wall is green



Whoa I can see all sorts of new colors!

That's because you can now see a greater range of frequencies of light, hence new colors. You may even be able to see through some objects.



Wow That so...  
Are you wearing  
women's lingerie?



It makes me feel like  
a delicate flower...



Look just go get George  
and bring him back here  
I'll do what I can to turn  
him back to normal



Wait a minute... you re  
not planning an evil  
scheme are you?



Now now Bass, would  
I do something like *that*?



Yes...

JUST GO



Yes. This will work out p...  
oh, wait gotta check first



Okay, now where was I?  
Oh yes, my evil scheme...



pop!



Meheheheh...



DUN  
DUN  
DUNI

sprong!



Bad monkey No I don't  
want your canteloupe  
Sell your crack to another  
puppet Snoop doopy

I don't have time to  
discuss string theory  
with you now Bass,  
I'm busy throwing up

Yes, mommy the sky is a  
lovely shade of tangerine  
tonight but I think I'd like  
my Poe with a bit of radish

I would certainly love  
some ice cream. But only  
the BLOOD flavored kind,  
since it's sticky warm in  
my mouth-shaped orifice

Yes, Mr Giraffe, I do love  
marshmallow ice cream,  
but what does that have  
to do with the price of...

Wait a minute...

I DO smell  
marshmallow  
ice cream...

What the hell? A trail of  
empty ice cream bowls?  
Why would someone...

Of course. It's obviously a  
trap specifically designed  
for lovers of ice cream...

And there's only one  
ice cream lover stupid  
enough to fall for such  
an obvious trap...

Besides me  
and Chadling...

I guess all I have to do is follow the trail of ice cream bowls.

Hopefully they shall lead me to a fulfilling and rewarding resolution

Or at the very least, something that will take this storyline in a whole new direction

Oh crap...





There we go



With Mega Man out of the way I can finally begin my plans for the destruction of this pathetic dimension



Yes, my friend, with your help I shall unleash hell upon this world



Isn't that right George?

Oh fuck.





Who are you?!  
What do you want?!

My name is  
Fistantantilus!

"Fistantantilus"? Don't  
you mean "Raistlin"?

Same d fference

I don't think they get it

Not my problem.

But what

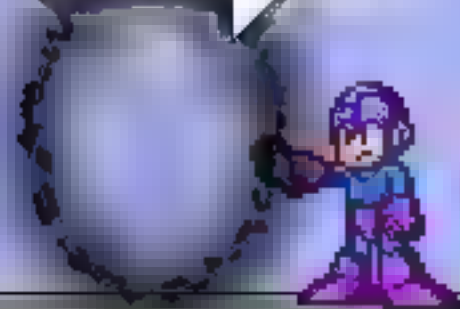
What am I doing here?  
Oh, it's really quite simple



You see I'm an evil author from another dimension,  
hell-bent on destroying every other universe out  
there. And now I'm afraid, it's this universe's turn



That's great and  
all, but what's with  
the dorky helmet?



The helmet? Oh,  
it's a dimensional  
stabilizer of sorts.



The form that you're looking at is only a shell for my  
non-corporeal essence while in this dimension. If the  
helmet were to be removed, my non-corporeal form  
would be forced out and back to my home dimension.



Plus, it hides my  
massive fro



Wait a minute... why are you telling me all this?

Why do you think?



You're going to kill me?

Of course I am.  
But first comes the hideous torture

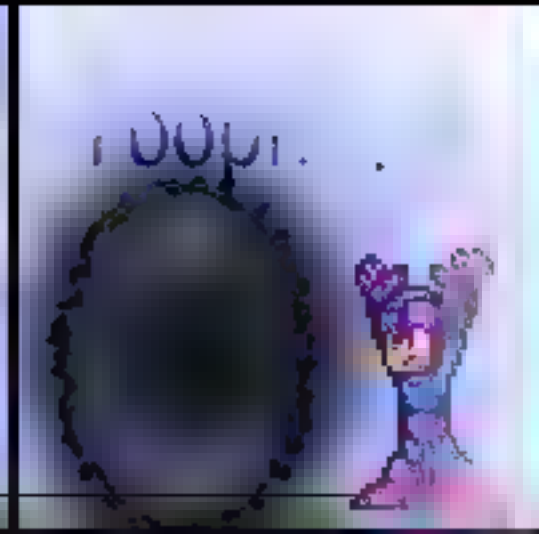
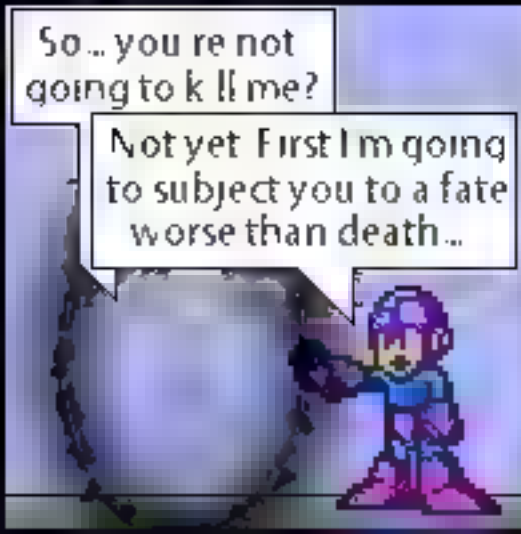


You see George there are few things worse than knowing what's going on and being completely unable to do anything about it

You're a bastard

Yeah, I know





AAAAAAAAAAAA--!!



George Shut up

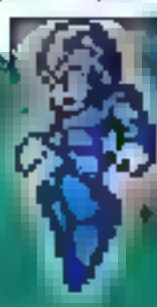


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X? , though you were  
only supposed to show  
up during drug coma's.



Yeah, you should see  
the high-grade shit  
Wily just pumped into  
you to shut you up







Okay so I'm in another  
drug-induced coma  
Why are you here?

Well, while it's funny and  
all to have you hanging  
from a ceiling again, as  
well as in another coma...

I don't think the audience  
really wants to watch  
you hanging here for  
another six months.

So you're going  
to get me down?

What? Oh, no. I was just  
making an observation



George to get you  
out of here I need  
you to think back...

Okay...

Hey No  
at your canteen  
crack to get  
er Snop-d

Further back...

Further...

Too far

Remember back  
to the last time you  
were strung up in  
Dr Wily's fortress...

Wh rrr  
?



Look X, if you want  
me to use my powers  
to escape why don't  
you just say that?

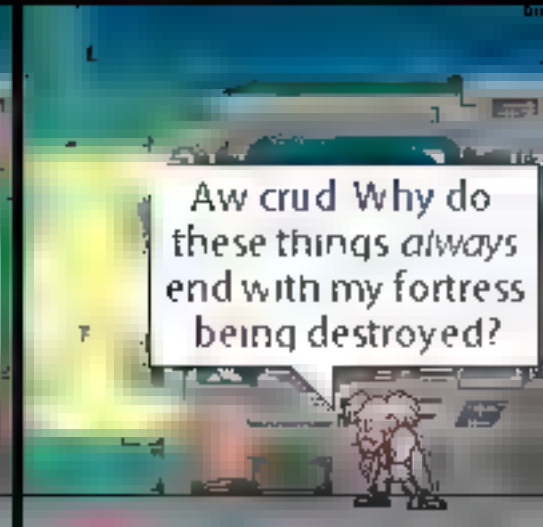
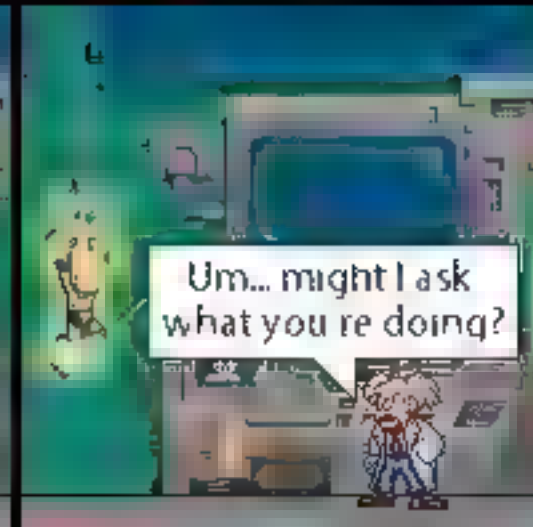
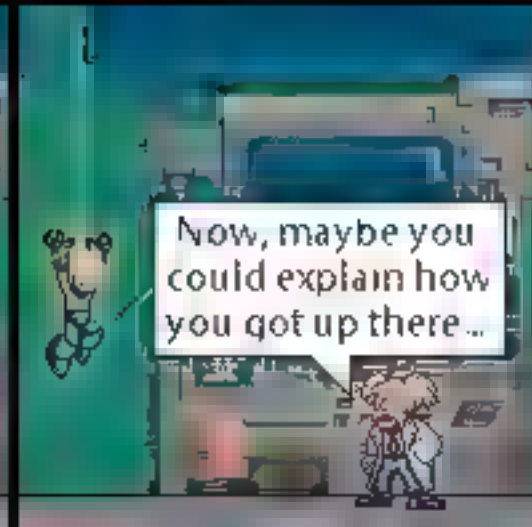
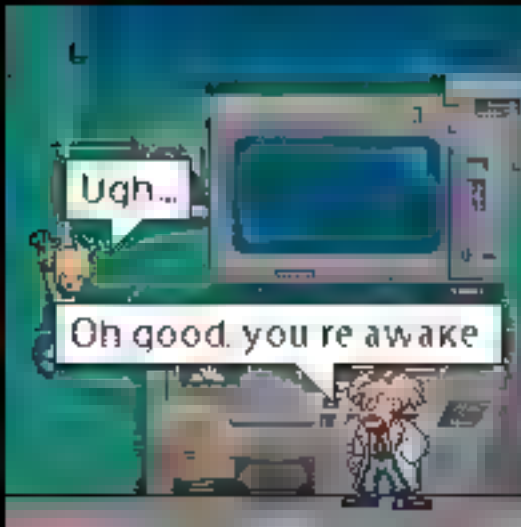


A spirit guide is supposed  
to be aloof and mysterious.  
I can't just come right out  
and say things like that



So can I just blow up  
Wily's fortress already?

Yeah, fine, take all  
the fun out of this.



Looks like my evil killer  
bugs are all ready to go



You know I wonder  
how George is doing...



Oh well, no time for  
that I've got to get  
back into character


Ahem...



Roll Did you hear?  
I have eyelashes!  
I'm a real boy now







George You blew  
up my house All  
my stuff was in it

Yeah, sorry about  
that I think Dr Wily  
made it out okay

Screw Dr Wily Do you  
have any idea how many  
Magic the Gathering  
cards I had in here?!

OH GOD MY  
BEANIE BABIES

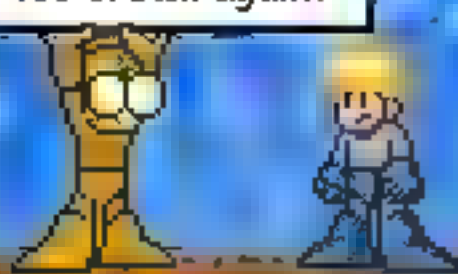




Wait a minute It's so clear now You knew what was going on when evil Mega Man was attacking At the time no one knew why but now I know You knew because I told you the future ahead of time



Have you been into the Wily beer ice cream again?



I'm serious here. Mega Man's going to turn evil and try to kill everyone.



I can't tell anyone else because if I do, I could change the future.



And I certainly can't tell Bass. He's far too stupid to be useful to anyone.



What? How am I too useful to be stupid?



After a long conversation...

All right I'll see  
that it all works out



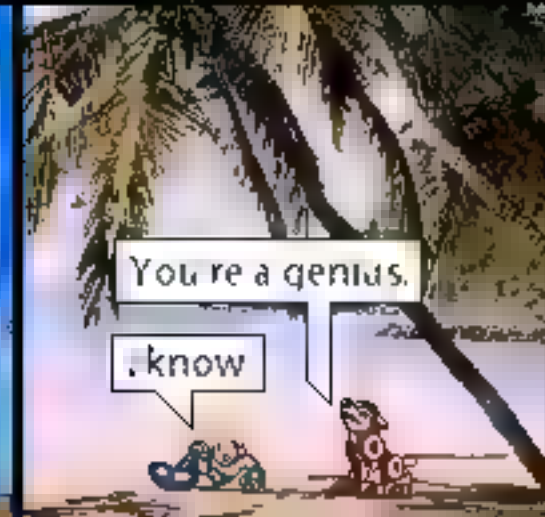
Okay so for the time being, you can't do a thing to  
help anyone directly. Further, you don't have a time  
machine, so you can't return to your own time. What  
are going to do until time catches up with you?

LAW JOE



You're a genius.

.know



We interrupt  
this comic  
for a special  
news report.

We interrupt this comic  
to present a very special  
BnG News exposé



Mega Man

*The Helmeted Author:  
Evil or just really  
misunderstood?*



Mega Man

Because we're incredibly  
lazy and want to take  
advantage of what you  
already care about



Mega Man

We sent star reporter  
Mike out to ask what you  
the viewer thinks. Is the  
Helmeted Author evil?



Mega Man

Yeah, I think so



Proto Man; Hero

Yeah I think so



Roll; Heroine

Yeah I think so



Helmut Villain

This just in It appears that our star reporter Mike was viciously attacked by the Helmeted Author but has lived to tell the tale



Mega Man

We now go live to Mike with this special report



Live Report!

Thank you Mega Man It's true I was looking Death square in the face and walked away unscathed



Star Reporter Mike

Well, okay maybe not so much "unscathed" as "horribly mangled"



Holy Mother of God!

Today BnG News brings  
you a special report on  
Santa the Red Menace



Mega Man

We've all heard the stories  
about a jolly fat man that  
delivers presents, but  
what's the real story  
behind ole Saint Nick?



Santa Satan?

After an exhaustive search  
we finally cornered Mr  
Claus in his secret lab...



The Real Claus Found!

For the last time I'm  
not Santa. Now get  
the hell out of my lab.



Santa...maybe





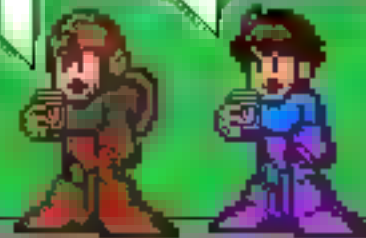
That is, by far the largest  
free-standing pile of ice  
cream I have ever seen

There's no way that's sanitary



I think Chadling got crushed

I'm sure it's how  
he'd want to go



Wait, what's George  
doing in there?

Like anyone cares about  
continuity around here



This just in The US Air Force confirmed that they have shot down Santa's sleigh



Mega Man

An unnamed source at the Pentagon has stated that Santa was clearly violating Washington, DC, air space



Santa is Evil

After repeatedly ignoring radio transmissions, US fighter jets fired upon the sleigh, killing all on board



Terrorist Threat

And while no human or elf remains have been found, reindeer guts are all over the place



E-wwwww...

This just in Sources at the Pentagon report that Santa may have very well survived the assault on his sleigh



Mega Man

With the fear that Santa may use his awesome arsenal of holiday magical powers to retaliate against the United States...



Santa Alive?

...the Bush administration is urging parents everywhere to convince their children that Santa isn't real, in an attempt to destroy him.



Santa: Not Real

However, many think this ploy won't work, as more people believe in Santa than believe in Bush



Dude, that's bad

This just in Santa has stormed the White House



Mega Man

In an impressive display of non-lethal firepower Claus mowed through row after row of Secret Service agents before knocking down the door to the Oval Office where the President cowered behind his desk.



Whoa. XM25!



Whereupon Santa set a piece of coal on the desk and promptly left



Bad boy!

Hey... what's this  
elevator door go to?

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No Don't touch that

*BnG News*



*BnG News*



Oops.

*BnG News*





And this concludes this installment of BnG News.



From all of us here at BnG News, we thank you for watching



Please stay tuned to the New Year's Special followed by Helmut killing everyone



Woo



Cannonball

I can drink all I want

You know I think I'll stick  
to the canned variety

There's no way that's sanitary

Pssh Lightweights.

Are you ever coming  
back to the comic?

Not if I have a say in it

I love all of you





I see you've changed  
your hair back.

Yeah the fans were  
complaining




Just about time for the  
mass killings again, huh?

Yup

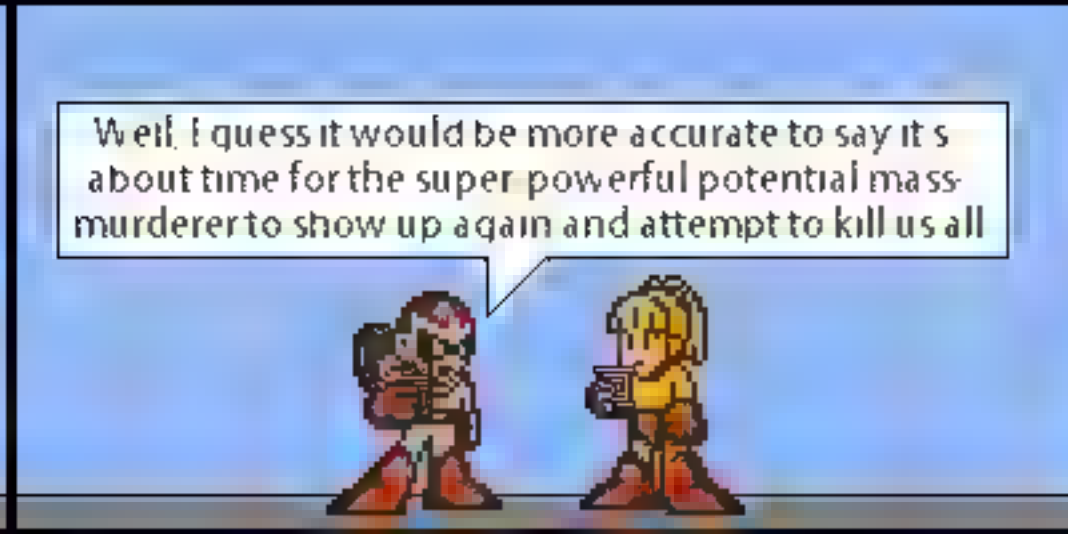


Wait what?




A pixelated comic strip panel showing two characters. On the left, a character with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a red and black outfit, holds a black camera. On the right, a character with blonde hair, wearing a yellow shirt and a red skirt, holds a small white cup. A speech bubble from the blonde character points to the text.

What do you mean by  
mass killings? Again?

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Well, I guess it would be more accurate to say it's  
about time for the super powerful potential mass-  
murderer to show up again and attempt to kill us all

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. A speech bubble from the blonde character points to the text.

Can I just pretend you  
said something that  
made sense instead?

Haven't you noticed that about every year some psychopath shows up and tries to kill us all?



First there was Bob, then Mynd, then that evil version of Mega Man



It's only a matter of time before someone shows up and tries it again



Personally I think the next attack will come from the same villain behind the evil Mega Man attack



But if he could disguise himself as Mega Man he could be ANY OF US



He could be you Or me What if I'm the one that's going to kill everyone?!



Okay you dropped your beer Now you're starting to scare me



Don't you see? The next killer could be ANY of us!



Even George



Who, me?



George? Is that you?  
What's with the helmet?



Proto Man's right  
There is an immense  
evil coming our way

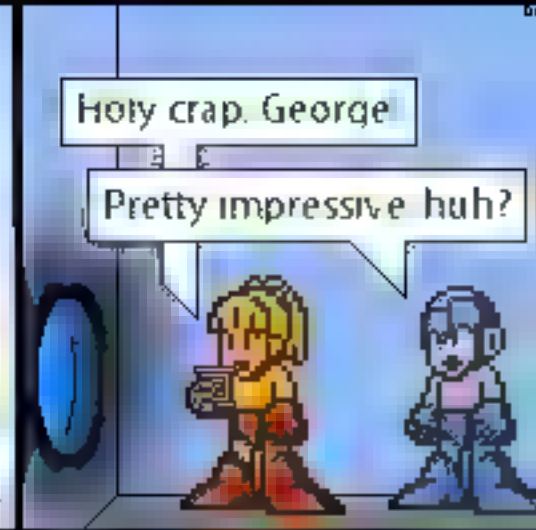
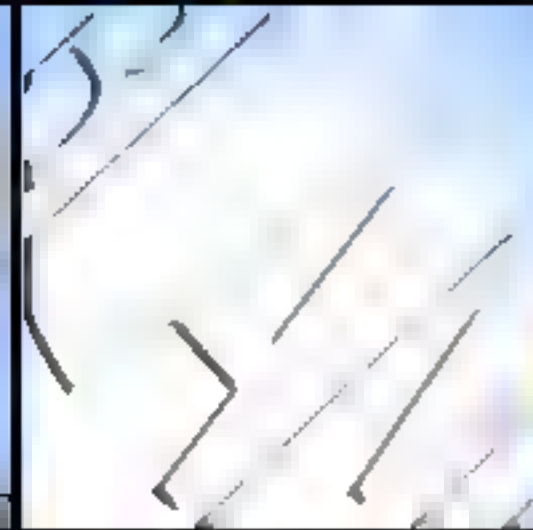


I've spent the last six  
months training. The  
helmet is part of my  
new battle suit



And I'm having a  
very bad hair day





Wait a minute... isn't it a tad suspicious that this new George would just so happen to show up right when we're expecting a new supervillain?



Hey... you have a point I mean, with the helmet and the blaster he's really nothing more than a Mega Man recolor now, right?



What we need is some way to test him... to make sure he's the real George...

Hey guys. Time for ice cream.

Ooh Oooh



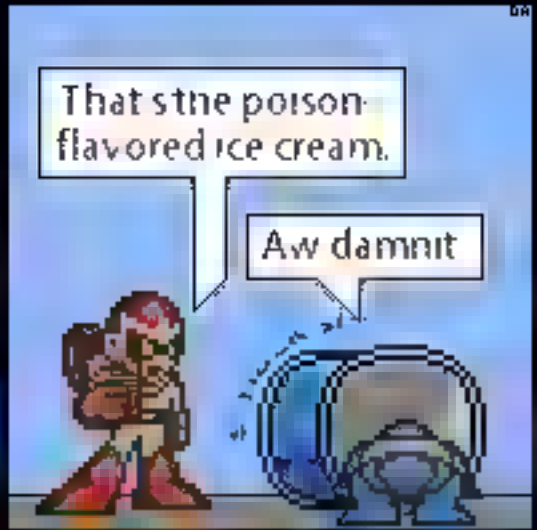
EEEEEEEEEEEE



Good enough for me

Yup









What's going on?

George just puked up  
an entire barrel of ice  
cream because I told  
him it was poisoned

Just let  
me die

He's pretty stupid, isn't he?

Compared to whom?

George's only mistake  
was trusting me when  
I told him the ice  
cream was poisoned



Why am  
I still alive?

I'd hardly call just  
trusting one of your  
friends being stupid



I suppose...



But what's your excuse?

All the cool kids  
were doing it...



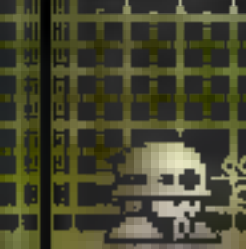
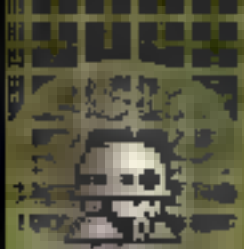
All right let's get  
some training done



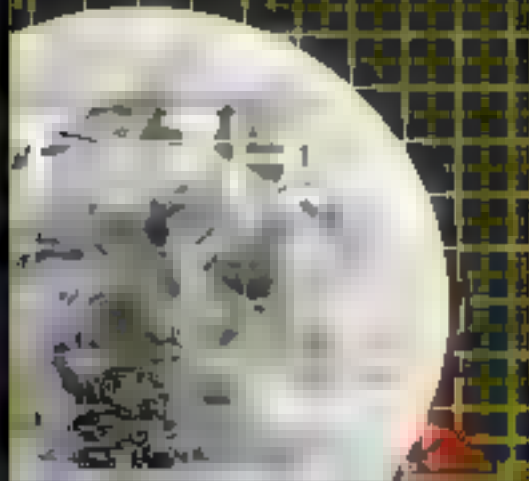
Computer set difficulty  
to level one and begin  
the training program.



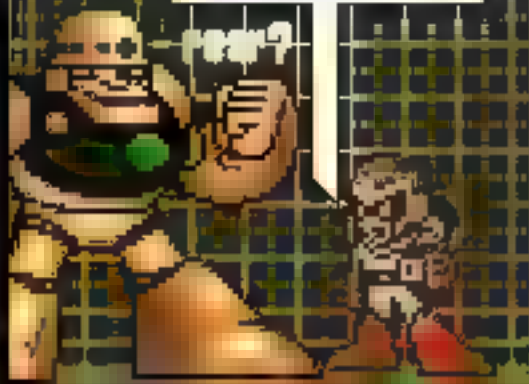
Okay maybe the first  
level is a little too easy



Let's try something  
just a little harder...  
Computer increase  
difficulty to level two



Dr Light and his  
damn levels...



Level 2 Complete!  
Congratulations!

That was an intense  
I can't believe I did it

Would you...ulat...  
Sssh...errorrrr...

What the hell?

Sssh...errorrrr...  
Wa...06...

Welcome to Level 15!

Holy C...

After a long and exhausting battle

I can't... he's too fast...  
he's... too powerful...

Hey You Buggy

Buggy, George?

You can critique  
my entrance later,  
if we live that long

But buggy?

George what's going on?

The training room simulator has gone completely haywire

Tell me something I don't already know

Dr Light can't turn it off or we'll both die

The only way to get out of here alive is to defeat the monster and end the program naturally

Ah, the old Star Trek "holodeck" cliché

Yup



The doors are jammed  
and no one can teleport  
in, so I reverted to my  
electrical form and...

Um, George that's great  
and all, but isn't there  
something important  
you're forgetting about?

Oh? What's that?

Oh, right

Splodee!

Proto Man tell me the truth how boned are we?

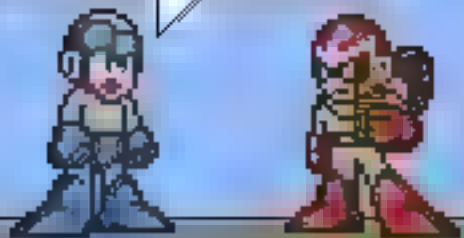
Well, since this is a Demon/Met hybrid monster, it's skin is impenetrable and I'm guessing that once we reach

its center we'll be slowly dissolved by corrosive acids while simultaneously being utterly crushed to death

On a scale of one to ten?

Fourteen

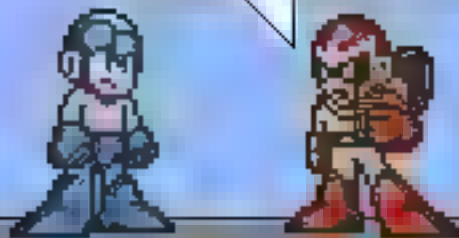
So did Dr Light ever find out what caused that malfunction in the training room?



He swears up and down that it wasn't due to any programming problems.



He says that as near as he can figure it was either a random glitch or sabotage



But I don't believe a word that old drunk bastard says.



What were you doing in the training room anyway?  
Aren't you already the best trained fighter here?

Yeah but that didn't seem to help the  
last time a mass killer showed up



Oh right when the  
Helmeted Author  
disguised as Mega Man  
shot you in the back.

Exactly



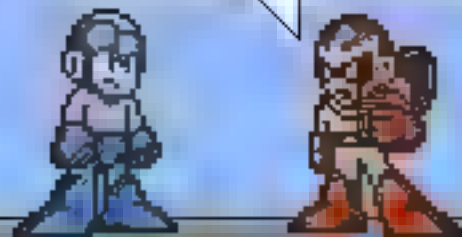
Wait what?



After Dr. Light sent me back in time I ended up far enough back to find out that an evil author from another dimension calling himself E. Standantilus was behind the entire evil Mega Man attack.



Wow... Now I feel bad for beating the hell out of Mega Man so much



Oh well I'll get over it



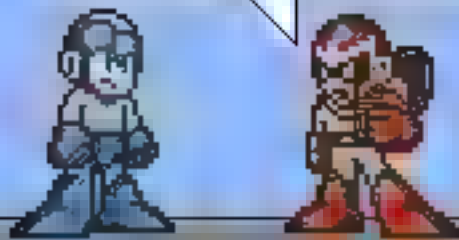
As I said before I've spent the last six months training, preparing myself for his inevitable attack.



Which certainly explains your awesome abilities in the simulator room.



Well I've assembled a whole slew of weapons and strategies to repel any number of attacks.



Wanna come see my toys?

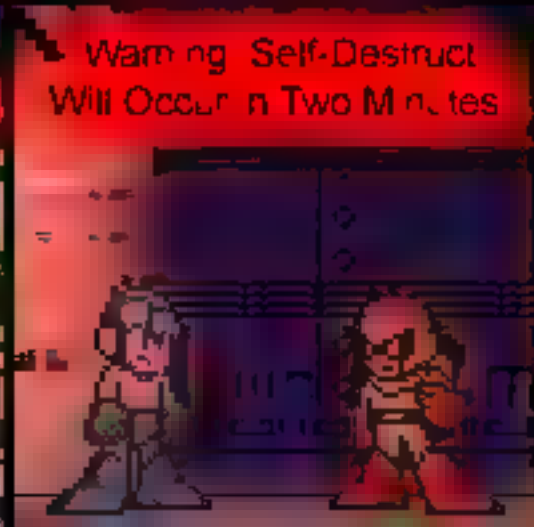
DO !!!



Well, I've gotta say this is a very impressive cache of weapons, but what's this thing behind us?

The snow cone maker







Quick you fool run

What's the point?  
We can't outrun a  
nuclear explosion

We don't have to  
We just have to get  
out of this room:

I had this room specially  
shielded from the rest  
of the lab just in case

All we have to do is  
get out and seal the door  
and we should be okay

There it is. We made it

Wait a minute... What  
the hell?! It's sealed?  
What's going on?!

George We're locked...  
George? George?!

GEORGE

Oh, like you didn't  
know this was going to  
happen eventually

← WEEDY'S CACHE

Have a nice last few  
seconds of your life

← WEAPONS CACHE

FOOPF!

← WEAPONS CACHE

← WEAPONS CACHE

← HOLOSIMULATOR

← WEAPONS CACHE

THANK



Wait a minute Arent  
you at all concerned  
about Proto Man?

No, not really



BUT I JUST  
VAPORIZED HIM



...oh shit... did I just...?

Yeah, I think so



Damn it I have to  
kill you now dont I?

Probably



Argh Do you have *any* idea how this is going to upset my plans?!



I'm not supposed to k il you *now* It will look too suspicious and I can't draw attention at this point



Oh, but *noooo*, you just had to go and make me reveal myself like that and now...



Hey You can't die while I'm in the middle of my rant about k iling you



Wait a minute... he's not dead... it smells like...



WHOA He smells like a distillery



He must have enough alcohol in him to bring down a bull elephant



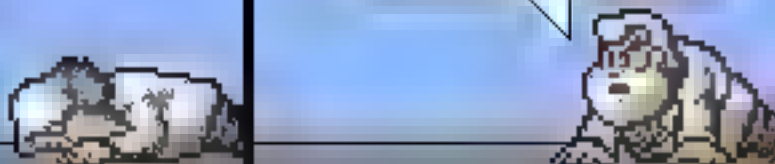
Excellent Even if he remembers anything, no one will believe him.



Right Off to kill Nate



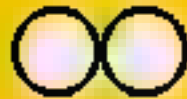
Bull elephants? Pssh Lightweights.



Nate? Naaaaate....?  
Where are you, Nate?



That's odd... I know he's  
around here somewhere...



You ever get the  
feeling that you're  
being watched?





Wait a minute ...  
something's  
not right here ...



In fact I dare say there  
are a number of things  
wrong with the way  
things have gone lately ...



I mean, now that I think  
about it why did Proto  
Man have a nuclear  
weapon in his cache?



And wasn't it awfully  
convenient that Dr Light  
was falling down drunk?



I suddenly get the distinct impression that  
there's something going on around here  
and I'm not in on it ... and it's pissing me off!



**RAARRR...**



**WAKKA  
WAKKA!**







Hey Where do you  
think you re going?



My my but you re  
a defiant little ball of  
goo, I'll give you that

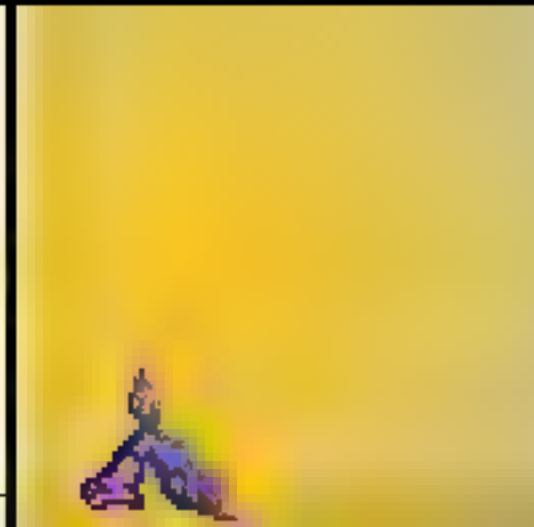
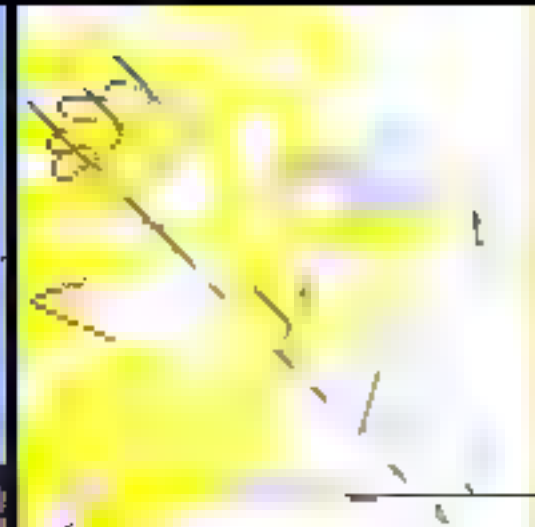


**ZAPI!**



Suddenly I have an  
urge to go find myself  
a Japanese schoolgirl...





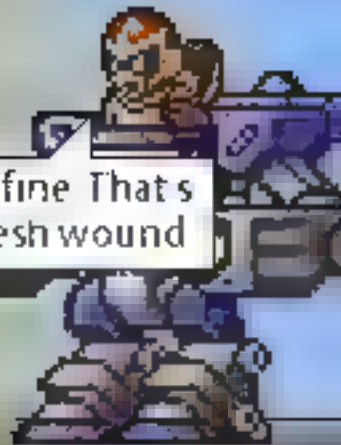
I wondered when I'd be seeing you again. I didn't really think you were the type to get killed by your own toys.



Speaking of which, I think your latest just vaporized Nate all over the walls.



He'll be fine. That's just a flesh wound.



So what now? You try  
to kill me I try to kill  
you rinse and repeat?



I suppo-

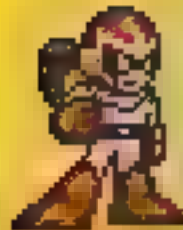


foopfi!



foopfi!

Actually forget the  
shampoo metaphor  
Do I even have hair  
under this helmet?



Well, Proto Man, you've been quite prepared up until now, but how will you get yourself out of



Nate You whore

You'll merge with anyone won't you?



So you re merging with  
Nate Bigwhoop And  
it s not like I can't defeat  
that stupid B4T 3 design



Oh Look at me I m so  
special I can stick Proto  
Man s head on a Guts  
Man recolor Worship



Oh...

Well, shit



When you said you were prepared  
you weren't kidding, were you?

We have planned  
for every possibility



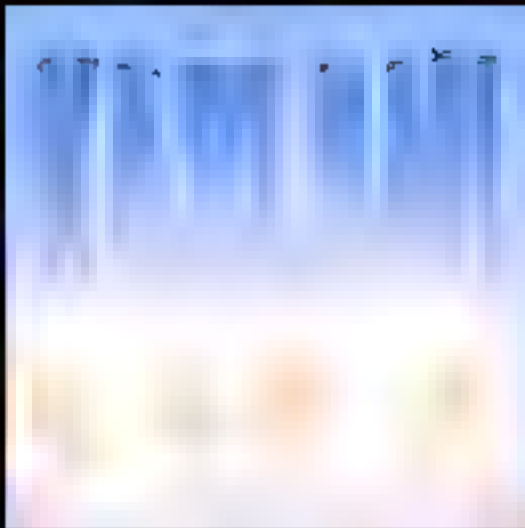
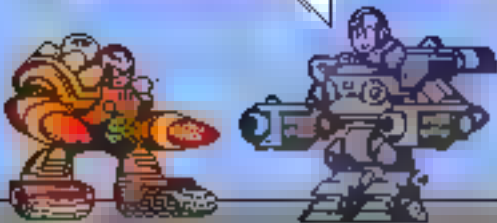
Oh I bet you think you're so damn clever  
thinking you've outwitted me at every turn

Well... yeah

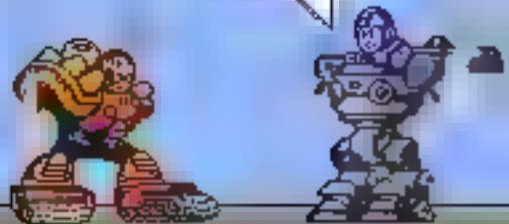




You think you can take  
me? Then bring it on



Damn it



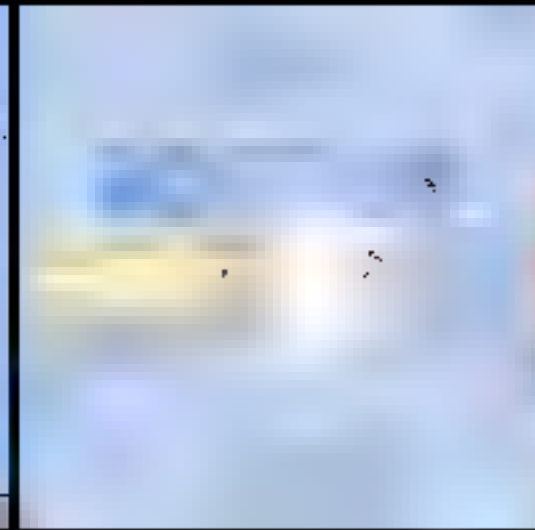
This is just great One volley and  
I've already lost my guns... but at  
least I took out your main guns.

Aren't you forget  
ting something?



Looks like I've dropped  
the prison soap now





What kind of  
deviltry is this?!

It's a force field



And... I guess I wasn't  
technically lying. It's  
not to protect me...



But to trap you in an ever  
shrinking cage of death



Do you expect me to talk?

No Mr Bond. I  
expect you to die





Your trap is very clever but I don't think you've really considered just how strong Na

**BZZZZT!**

OW That  hurt

That's the basic idea



While I admire your  
willingness to call for  
help I'm afraid there's  
no one to hear you



You see everyone who  
could help you has been  
sent on a little... excursion



Uh Mega Man, I don't



The note said  
the ice cream  
was here

So keep digging



As much fun as our little conversation has been, it's time to finish this up



AAAA



AAAAA



AAAAA Fikghdhs



I sure hope Roll cleans this up before I kill her



Now then, I guess  
I should head back  
and get rid of Light...



Sorry am I late?  
What did I miss?

Well I just killed  
Proto Man and Nate



Damn it I knew  
I shouldn't have  
stopped to help dig



How does it feel to  
know you're only a  
few moments too late  
to save your friends?



If you had only arrived  
a minute before you  
might have saved them.



But no Your habitua  
love of ice cream has  
damned them both



I bet you feel like crap

Well I do now



So whatcha gonna  
do now? You gonna  
try to fight me?



Ooh, poor widdle  
George's gonna



KALAP!



Oh, I'm sorry  
Were you done?



I thought you were supposed to be an author. Can't you even dodge a...



ARRRRGH!



WOOOOSH!

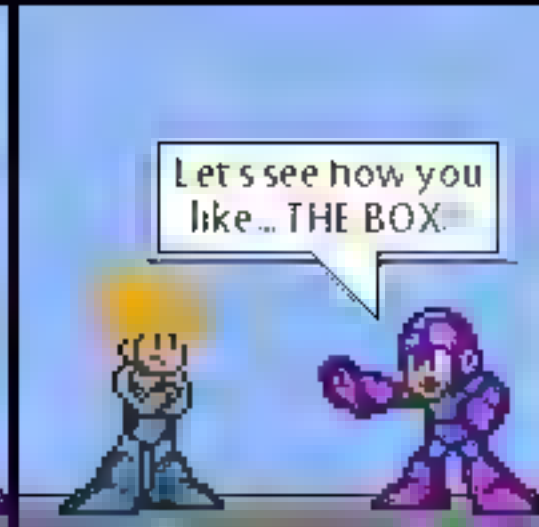


CRASH!



That can't feel too pleasant





You may scoff now but  
this box worked pretty  
well when I used it to kill  
Proto Man and Nate



What? You're using  
the same trick to kill  
me that you used on  
your last victims?



What kind of one-trick  
pony are you? I thought  
you were supposed to be  
powerful or something



I'm feeling fairly insulted  
here. Couldn't you at least  
have the decency to—

ITOLDYOU TOSHUTUP



I should warn you, the walls will vaporize any matter that comes in contact with them.



And what about pure energy?



KAZAP!



Uh...

I believe I'm supposed to laugh maniacally now





Do you see your  
true predicament  
now little man?



The force fields of the box  
absorb energy attacks as  
easily as physical attacks



And you can't even use  
your pathetic powers  
to teleport yourself out



Wait, I'm confused  
Which one of us  
is winning now?

That would be me



Wait a minute... I know  
how to get out of this.

Oh? Enlighten me



If there's one thing I  
remember from my  
physics classes, it's...



I forgot it

Well?



Oh I remember now The Conservation of Energy

The what?

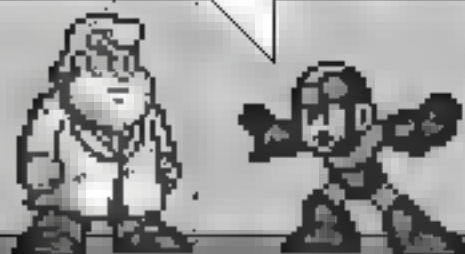


*BOB AND GEORGE  
PRESENTS*

# *THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY AND YOU!*

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Dr Light, I have heard all the cool kids talking about something called the Conservation of Energy...

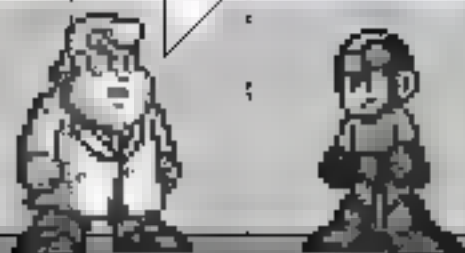


But I don't know what it is. Can you help?

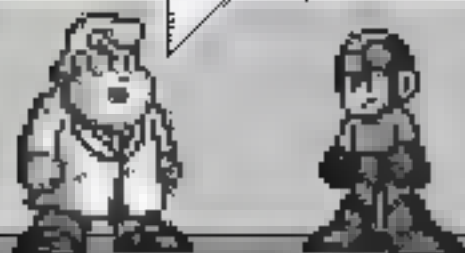
Why certainly Mega Man



The Conservation of Energy is a very important scientific principle



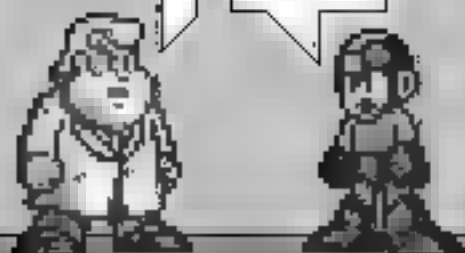
It states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed, only converted from one form to another



And?

And what? That's it

What?!



We went through this whole get up for that? I'm calling my agent

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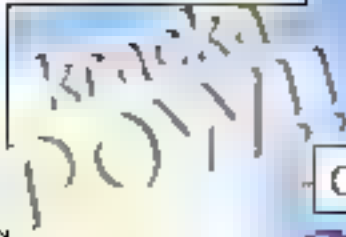
Okay big deal What's the Conservation of Whatever have to do with you?



if energy can't be created or destroyed then the energy being absorbed has to go somewhere...



Let's find out where

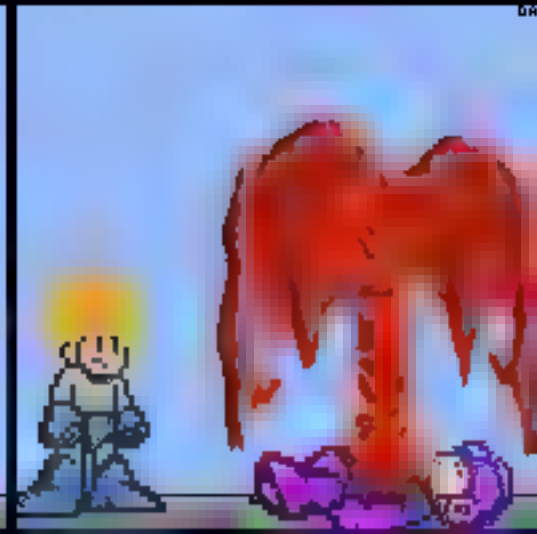
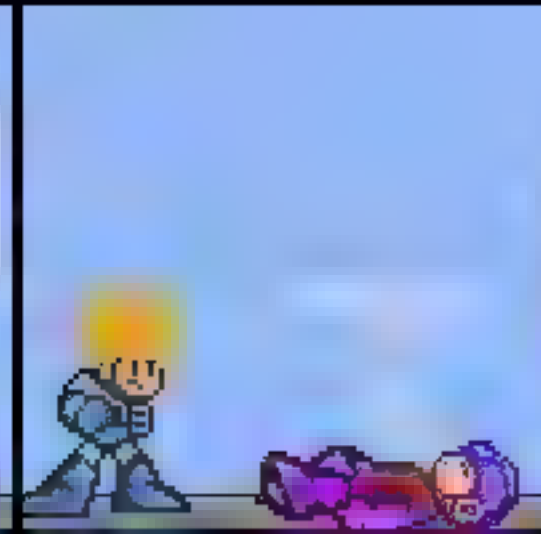


OW



Uh oh...





Okay, I'm no medical doctor but I think

Is he dead?

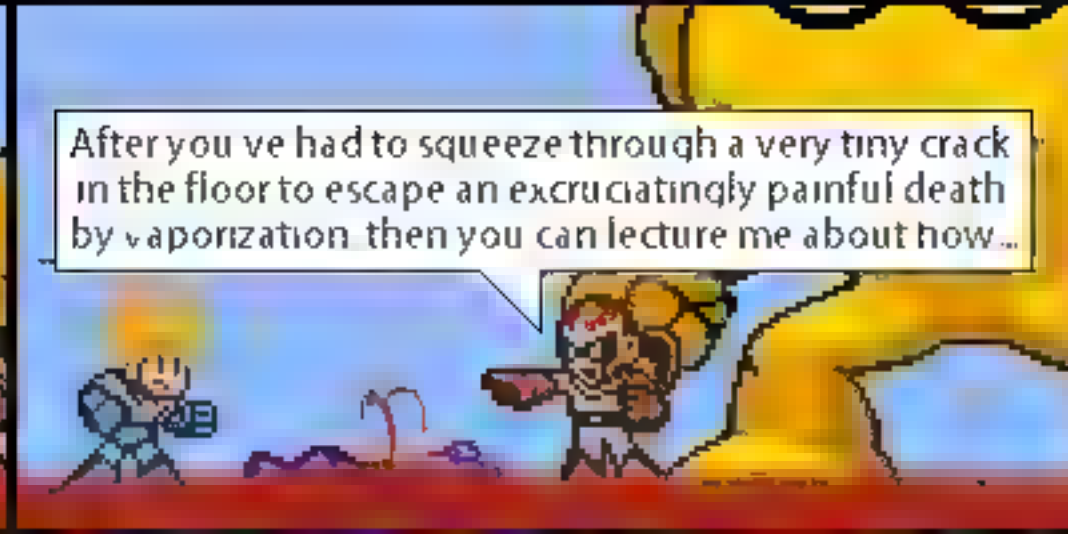
Wha? Proto Man  
You're alive. How?

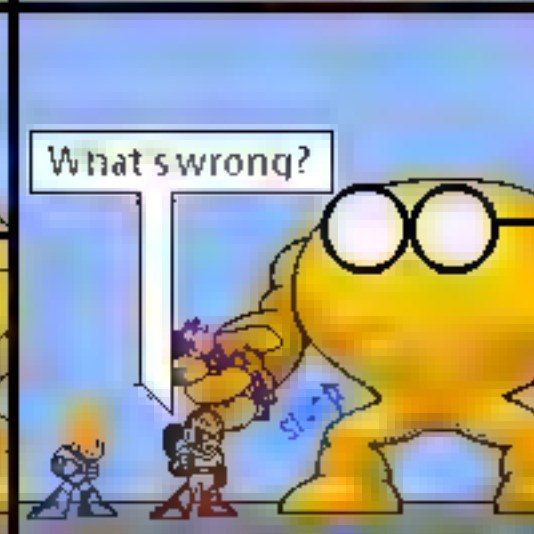
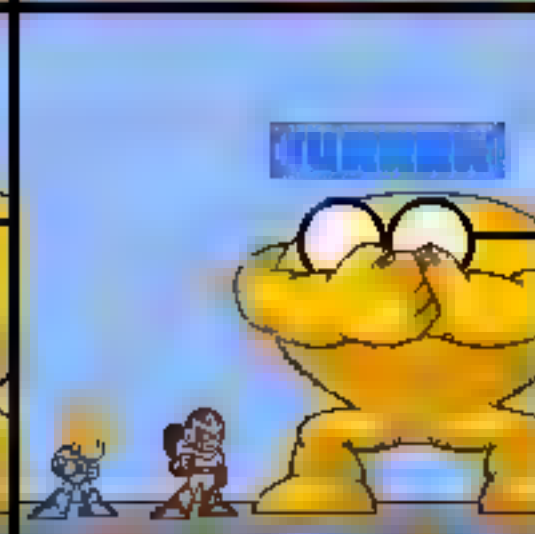
Is he dead?

Uh, no, not yet, I don't think. But we've got to...

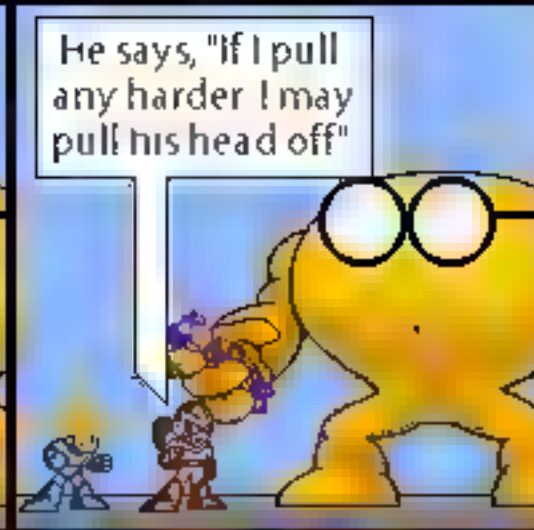
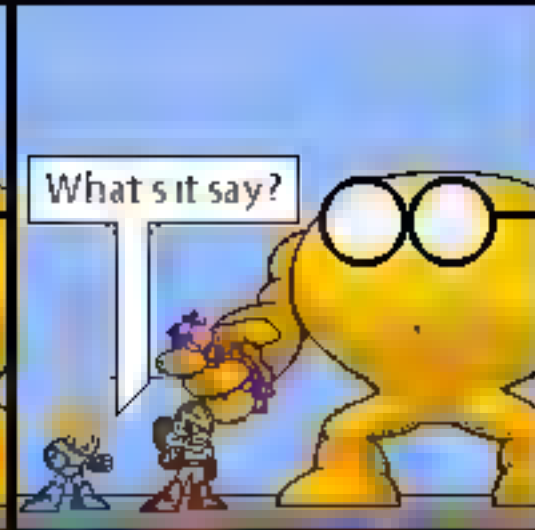
Good

Nate, kill him.









Is it over? Did we win?  
Is he gone? Are we okay?

I don't think...

FOOPF!

Oh, gentlemen... you are  
very very far from okay

In fact I'd say you're  
pretty much

Who... who're you?

Oh, George all that time together and you don't even recognize me?

Though I suppose for someone as limited as yourself I shouldn't be all that surprised

You mortals spend far too much time looking at only the corporeal...

Will you stand upright already?!

Okay so who

Wait let stake care  
of that hair You look  
like a damn saiyen



FOOPF!



There that s better

Okay so who are you?

Why I m

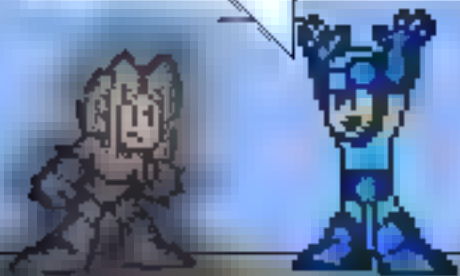


Whoa Who s the new  
guy with funny hair?





Come on Let me call  
you Uncle Fisty Everyone  
needs a nickname



I SAID NO




BUOOS!



Now then...  
where were we?

I think I just wet myself



A comic strip featuring Mega Man and Dr. Wily. Mega Man is on the left, wearing his signature blue armor and helmet. Dr. Wily is on the right, wearing his signature grey suit and a large, ornate headpiece. They are standing on a light blue floor against a light blue background.

What did you do  
to Mega Man?!

I deleted him.

You what?!

I deleted him. Remember  
all that bullshit I fed you  
about being an Author  
from another dimension?

Yeah...

It wasn't all bullshit

I really am an Author  
from another dimension  
and I really am here to  
destroy this universe

When I first arrived here  
I was trapped in that  
helmeted body and my  
powers were limited

But thanks to you and  
Proto Man, I now have  
full access to all of my  
Matrix type powers.

Speaking of Proto Man...

Dodge this.





Oh my god  
He's dead

Yes, that's what happens  
when you shoot people

But it's George. He's  
not supposed to die  
He's a title character

He's always supposed  
to be saved by some  
convoluted plot device


And where do you think  
those plot devices came  
from? The bloody sky?

Well, yeah...

Fool. There will be  
no more plot devices  
for either of you...

For I have captured  
your precious Author

Oh god damn it...



No NO NOOOOOOO  
How did you escape?!

I specifically designed  
that jar so you couldn't  
break it from the inside

And none of your  
characters could have  
touched that jar without  
being instantly killed

God Get over it already

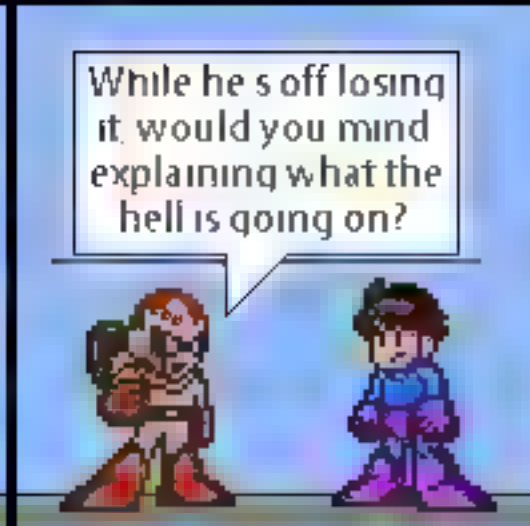
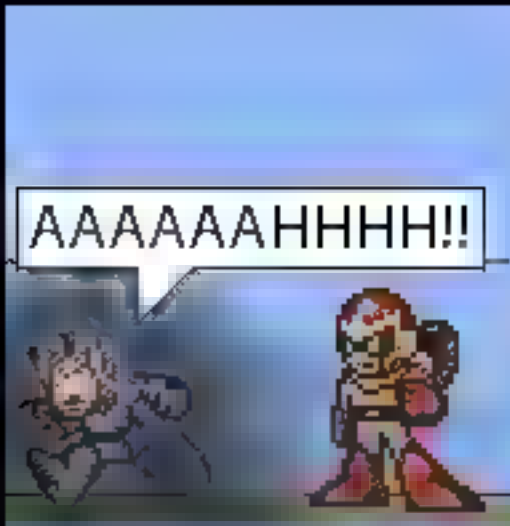
Actually, there *was*  
one but Proto Man  
just killed him.


What? George? But how  
could he have... unless...

But that means... and  
I... but he... and you ...

NOOOOOO!!!


ARRRGGGHHH!!!




A pixelated comic strip panel showing two characters. On the left, a character with brown hair and a red headband, wearing a brown tunic, stands with hands clasped. On the right, a character with dark curly hair and a blue tunic stands with hands on hips. A speech bubble from the left character asks a question.

Okay so who is this  
Fistandantilus guy?


Oh, he was telling  
the truth, mostly

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. A speech bubble from the right character explains the situation.

He really is an author  
from another dimension  
and he came here to  
destroy this universe

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. A speech bubble from the left character asks a follow-up question.

If he's so dangerous,  
why did you let him  
enter in the first place?

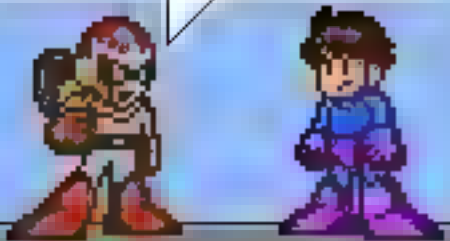
A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. A speech bubble from the right character gives a simple answer.

Union rules.

Anyway while I had to allow him entry, I did force him to wear that helmet



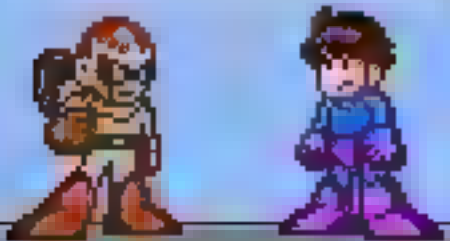
Right, to limit his ability to use his Author powers?




That and it makes him look like a complete moron



Hey if I wasn't dead, I'd take offense at that





I thought Mega  
Man got deleted

He did but I rewrote him.

Though, I'm a little  
worried I didn't get  
him quite right

AAAAHH

Nah he's fine

Oh... my  
ovaries...





All right anything else?

Yeah Could you get rid of that Sephiroth clone/reject for us?

You mean the one that's been the direct cause of everyone's suffering for nearly two years?

The one that I'm responsible for letting into this dimension in the first place?

Yeah that one

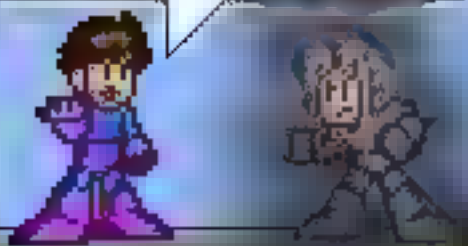
Oh, fine but just this once

Hey Helmet head

No The helmet is gone I am free to do whatever I wish



Whatever Look you knew the rules. You took off the helmet and now you have to leave



No I will only leave when this universe lies smoldering at my feet



The entire universe?

Yes!

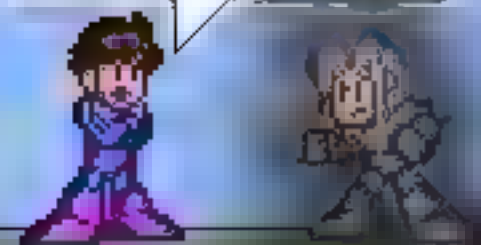


Look, if you don't leave quietly, I'm going to have to kick your ass.

Bring it on



You don't seriously think you can defeat me in my own comic, do you?



Your comic?! What makes you think this is your comic any more?!

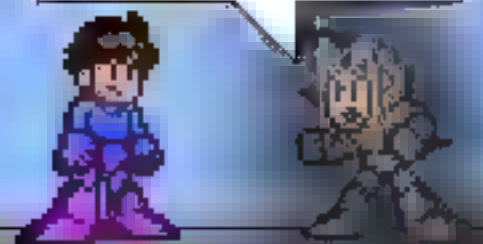


I've been the one running it for the past two years.

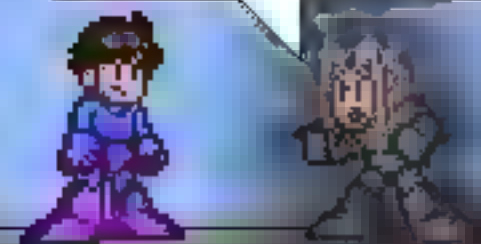
What the hell are you talking about?



While you were out drinking, I was the one manipulating events.



Everything that has happened has done so according to my plan



What about me breaking out of the jar?



Everything except that one part



Okay I've got it I set it up so that George would go back in time and free you from the jar ultimately resulting in this battle in which I end up defeating you leaving this universe free for me to destroy



You're making this up as you go aren't you?

Aren't you?



So if you're running  
the comic what now?

Now? Now we fight



POOSH

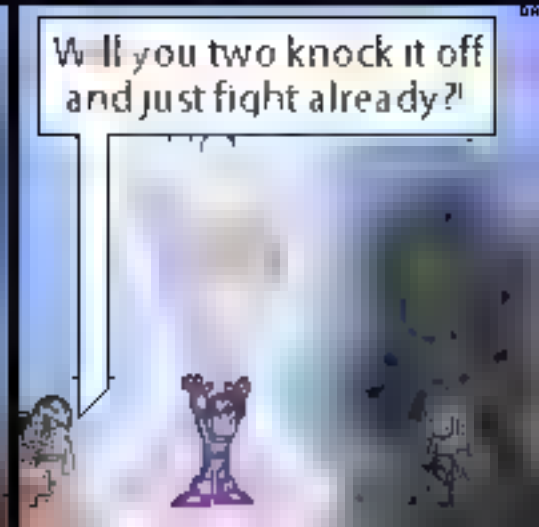
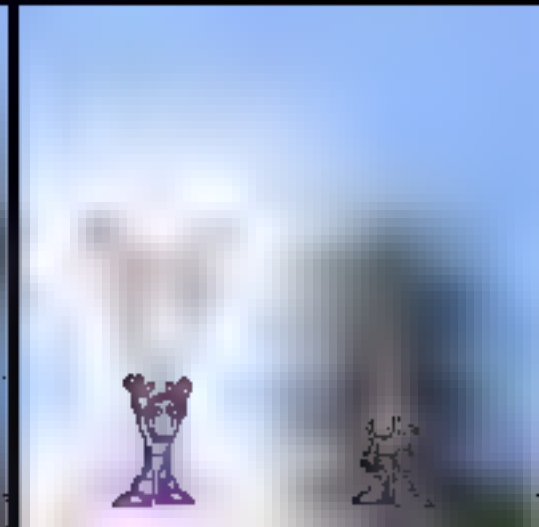


WOOSH



Mine's bigger





This comic intentionally left unupdated.

Oh hey guys, what've  
you been up to?



We just saved the entire  
world from evil ninjas.  
What about you?



Oh, not much














A pixel-art comic strip panel showing two characters, a girl with dark hair and a boy with blonde hair, standing on a grassy hill under a blue sky. The girl is on the left, looking towards the boy on the right.

Mike let me clue you  
in on something here

A pixel-art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is now speaking, with a speech bubble directed at the girl.


Obviously I'm sweet  
on you and this is a  
perfect opportunity to  
spend time with me

A pixel-art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The girl is speaking, with a speech bubble directed at the boy.


So what do you say?

A pixel-art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is responding, with a speech bubble directed at the girl.

Oh all right

A pixel-art comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The boy is speaking, with a speech bubble directed at the girl.

Good, now let's go before  
the readers remember  
that I'm an underage  
robot making you some  
kind of weirdo pervert



Right here we are The  
ninjas are holding the  
President in this building

Okay now what?

Well, get in there and  
do something ninja y

Like what?

I don't know break  
some necks, throw  
some ninja stars.

Well whatever you do  
I better see fountains  
of blood or I'm going to  
be highly disappointed

Harrrrrr

What the hell do you think you're doing?

Um... trying to break your neck?

No, no, you're doing it all wrong

Once you've got a good grip you have to do it all in one swift solid motion

Like this?

**CRACK!**

Yeah

thud

Mr President. we re really  
sorry about this, but you  
know how things are

Yeah I know

Hey are those ropes  
too tight? Would you  
like us to loosen them?

No they re good

CRASH!

Hold it right there  
scoundrels. I demand  
that you release the  
President at once

Okay sure

No problem.

See you later

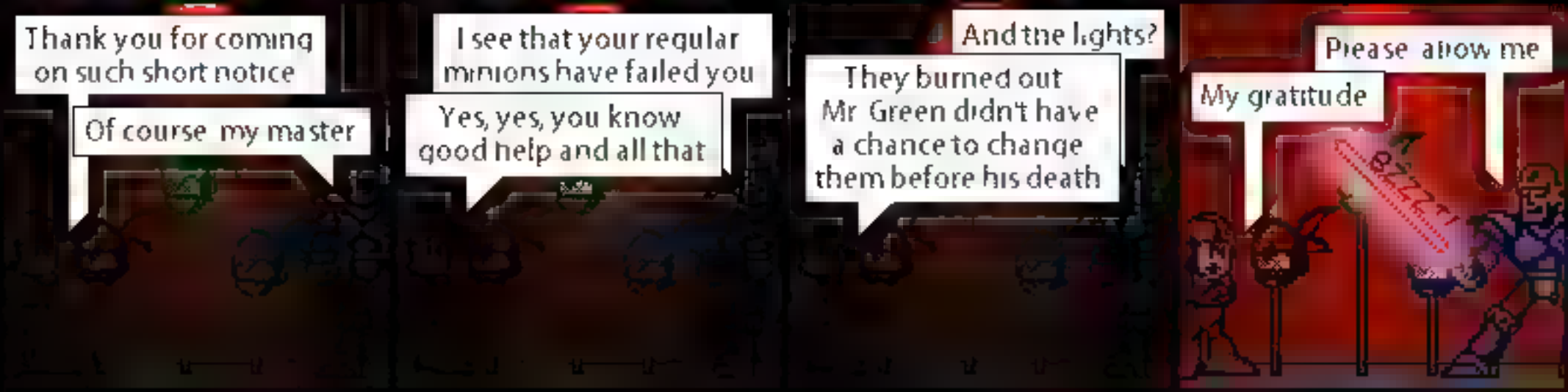
There you go

Wait a minute  
What the hell  
just happened?









Thank you for coming  
on such short notice

Of course my master

I see that your regular  
minions have failed you

Yes, yes, you know  
good help and all that

And the lights?

They burned out  
Mr Green didn't have  
a chance to change  
them before his death

Please allow me

My gratitude

What would you have  
me do, my master?

Before their untimely  
deaths, my ninjas  
informed me that  
I have an imposter

I want you to find  
out who this imposter  
is, and then kill him.

I think I'll do him  
with my left hand  
If I use my right it's  
over too quickly

Oh have it your way

BZZT!

Yes... I have tracked the  
imposter to this building

We will attack soon and  
destroy them all...

Yes... very soon...

About half way  
through the  
next storyline...

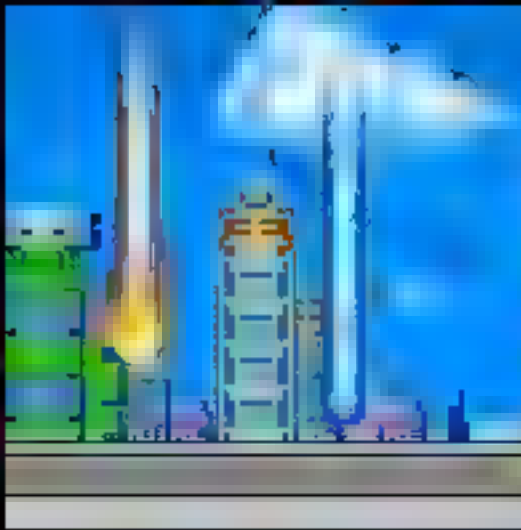
It's been over a year since we last saw everyone's favorite anti-hero.

When we last left him, he was sunning himself in tropical Acapulco, in the Rockman Universe.

Alas, all good things must come to an end.





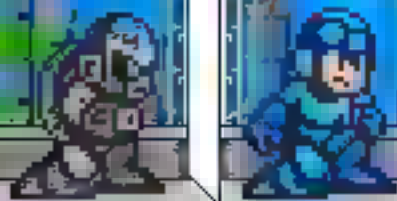


Here we are Those robots  
should be right below us.



I say why is everyone  
running away from us?

Are we even in the  
right dimension?



I don't think these are the  
droids we're looking for

I can't believe  
you said that



You know I think they re  
all running away because  
of your massive head fins.

I've told you before  
I need them to cool my  
internal flux capacitor

Are... are these guys some  
of them homosexuals?

No. I think they re  
"intellectuals"

Close enough

Great, now we re  
going to get letters.



Hold it right there  
Who are you?

We're Mega Man and Bass,  
the Americanized versions  
of your Rock Man and Forte

Well, actually we're  
alternate versions of that  
Mega Man and Bass, from  
a parallel dimension

And well, technically  
we're future versions of  
those alternates, from a  
future time continuum.

I didn't understand  
a word of that...

Unfortunately I did





We Interrupt  
This Program For  
A Special News  
Announcement

As many of our viewers  
might remember, it's  
been more than a year  
since the evil Dr Wily  
was finally defeated.



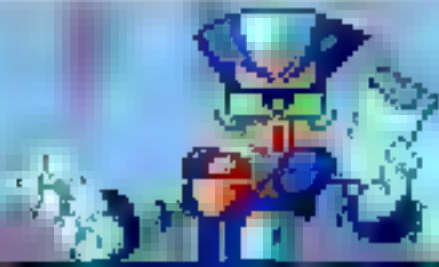
In the destruction of his  
fortress, it was believed  
that his most vile creation,  
the robot known as Forte,  
was also destroyed.



But it now appears that this  
wasn't so, as eyewitnesses  
report seeing Forte alive  
and well, raising havoc  
in the downtown district.



In addition, it appears  
that one of Dr. Wily's last  
creations, an evil Rock Man  
clone, is in the area as well



Luckily, the real Rock  
Man and his friend Bob  
were dispatched quickly  
and are confronting the  
evil robots as we speak.



We now go live to  
our very own Trisha  
Takabot, on the scene.



Thank you, Tom As you  
can see behind me, the  
evil Rock Man clone and  
Forte are attacking Bob.

Aaaagh Get away

They're struggling  
with Bob's blaster, but  
Give I can't tell why

No Don't touch it

Beep Beep!

Uh oh...

What's uh oh?

I'll see if I can  
get a little closer,  
and listen in on

KSSSSSSHHHH



And that's the Cataclysm.

Wow... Bob really  
*was* responsible

He's gonna be thrilled...

Well, except for  
the dying part

Millions died in the explosion, an event that humanity will blame on robotkind



It starts with protests, but the hatred will grow and fester until all robots everywhere are banned



Ironically this leads to a new age of prosperity and spirituality for mankind



Wow... So Mega Man fighting really did lead to everlasting peace...





Wait a minute... what about X and Zero?

They're dead in this universe

This universe?

Of course. This is only one of many universes, and that was only one of many Cataclysms.

And this is the Cataclysm for the Rockman Universe?

Of course not

The moment Bob arrived, this dimension split off from the actual Rockman Universe

Wait... so which dimension are you the Author of?

Both and neither

Just as you are the Author of several versions of the Megaman Universe, I care for several versions of the Rockman Universe, including this one

Wait... you care...?

You know, I couldn't help but notice that one of your "cared-for" cities just got nuked

So now what?

Did you see what  
you came to see?



I guess so I came to see  
my own Cataclysm, but  
I think I learned what  
I really needed to know



Now you better get home  
There are some big things  
coming and you d best  
get yourself prepared



Oh, and by the way...

Heimeted who?






And so the Author returned to his own time, prepared for the future and whatever that future would hold

While he never did see his own Cataclysm, maybe that wasn't ultimately the point of his little trip anyway.

Although, there's still at least one loose thread to tie up here.

A dark, atmospheric scene, possibly a night sky or a dark landscape. A speech bubble is overlaid on the scene, containing text. The background is dark and moody, with some faint, indistinct shapes that could be trees or structures.

Oh man we are in  
SO much trouble

Ahem...

Oh crap We're so dead

Please don't unmake us!

Gentlemen. I appreciate  
your help in bringing  
about this dimension's  
Cataclysm, but now you  
really must be going



What the hell?

Hey Gift horse  
Mouth Shut up



WHERE AM I?  
HOW DID I GET HERE?

IT SEEMS FAMILIAR,  
AND YET...

OF COURSE...  
I'M HOME... FINALLY...

AND NOW I SHALL HAVE  
MY REVENGE...



THE GROUND WILL BE  
SCORCHED AND THE  
RIVERS WILL RUN RED

THE BLOOD



AND THERE'S NO ONE  
HERE TO STOP ME



EVEN IF THIS IS  
REALLY JUST A NIGHTMARE



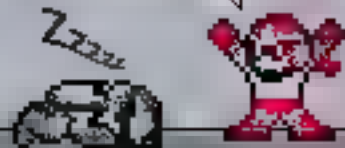
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Hey... who re you?  
What re you doing here?



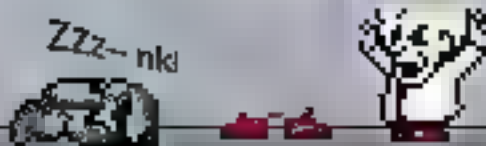
Hey I m ta king  
to you Wake up



Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!  
Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!  
Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!  
Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!  
Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!  
Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!



NO NO What  
have you done?!



You've destroyed Dark  
Man, my greatest creation



Well there's only one  
thing to do now...



What the hell  
are you doing?

Writing about it  
in my livejournal



[12 May 20XX

[mood  mad]

I can't believe that stupid gray robot blew up Dark Man! Does he have any idea how long I spent working on that robot? He's just like Meg Man! These dicks just show up whenever they want and just blow up my creations! And Dark Man

up my creations! And Dark Man was my only friend..

[12 May 20XX

[mood  sad]

All I want is a friend, is that so bad? But no one wants to be my friend, so I have to build my own. But they're always destroying my

But they're always destroying my robots, my only friends! And no matter what I do, they're always blowing up my fortresses! I just can't handle it anymore! Why are they so mean to me?!

[12 May 20XX

[mood  depressed]

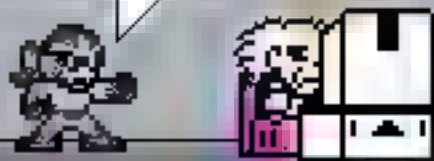


What the hell  
happened to you?

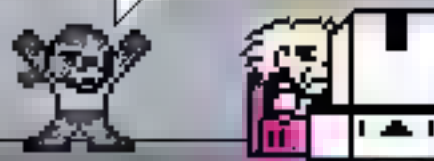
What do you mean?



The Wily I remember  
would never internalize  
his anger only to bitch  
about it in a livejournal



The Wily I knew would  
decimate a city and laugh  
maniacally as he feasted on  
the blood of the innocent



The blood of the innocent  
gives me a tummy ache





Hey I know what I'll get your testicles to drop. Let's build some robots and try to take over the world.



No way. Every time I do that Mega Man shows up, destroys my robots and blows up my fortress.



And I like this fortress. I just got it all feng shui'd now I like it.

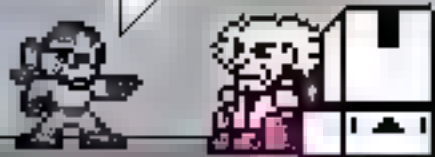


Do it or I'll eviscerate you and f--- your goddamn bowels.

Oh look I'm suddenly motivated.



Now, if we want to truly destroy Mega Man, the first thing have to do is eliminate his support



That means we have to get Dr. Light out of the picture  
With Light gone Mega Man can't be repaired



We also need to get rid of Proto Man since he'll certainly attempt to...

I have a question



Yes?

Who are you?



My name's Bob. A few games ago I showed up and destroyed all of your fortress defenses.



Then you sent me on a mission to collect Power Crystals in exchange for my brother George's freedom.



George? Didn't he blow up my fortress?



Yeah but who hasn't?



Okay, here's the plan  
I'm going to go kidnap  
Dr. Light and stage it to  
look like Proto Man did it



That way we get rid of Dr.  
Light and Proto Man at the  
same time and Mega Man  
won't know what to do



You stay here and start  
building eight new robots  
we're going to use to use  
to take over the world



And God help you  
if they don't have  
quirky personalities.







Hey Mega Man, would you be so kind as you look off in that direction for about ten minutes or so?

Sure

Come here you stupid old man so I can kidnap you

Say what am I supposed to be looking at exactly?

I need an adult  
I need an adult

Oh Hey Look at that tree

Green That tree is green

be-woop!

Hey Proto Man You've  
really got to see this...



What the...?



Signs of a struggle... and  
Proto Man's scarf... this can  
only mean one thing...



Dr Light has  
kidnapped  
Proto Man





I don't know what to do  
I can't make decisions.  
I need to talk to Dr. Light



Oh... wait... yeah...

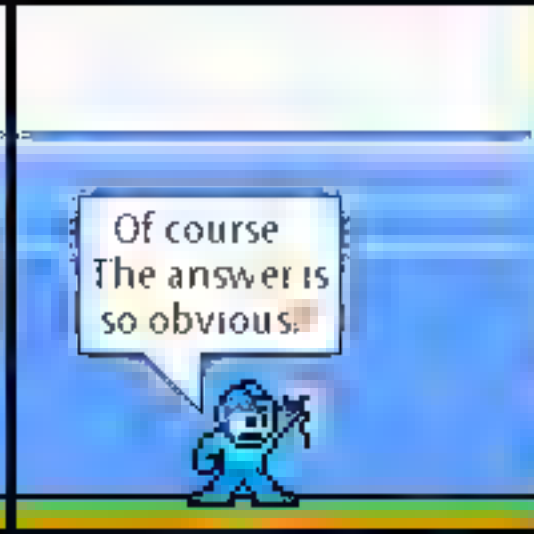
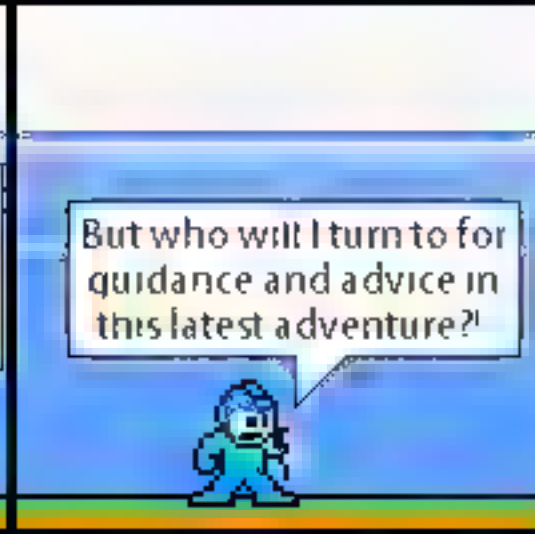
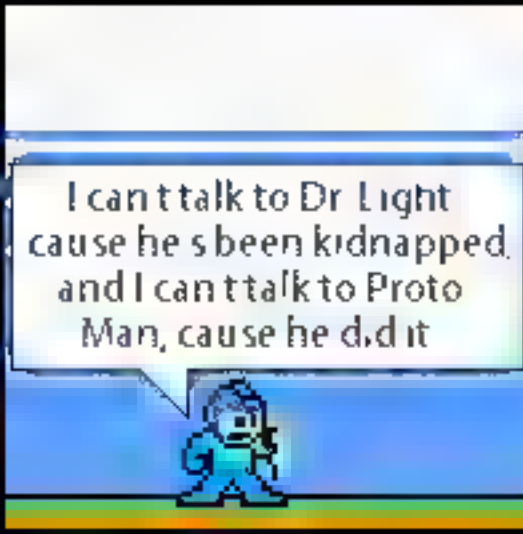


I know I'll talk to  
Proto Man. He'll  
know what to do



Oh... wait...  
yeah... damnit.





Mega Man? What  
are you doing here?

I'm just standing here  
talking to this broom.

Hey Wait a minute  
What are you doing here?

This is my fortress.

Oh Right



I'm not really sure how I got here though. One second I was talking about looking for someone, and then I was here.

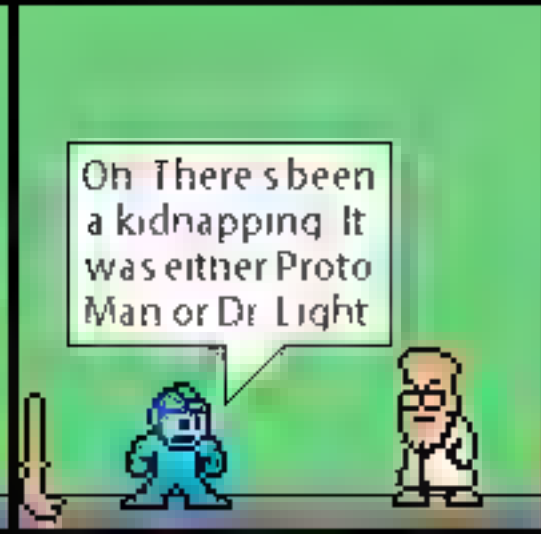
If I were to guess, I would suggest that it was done using that unique property of highly random humor in which a character can spontaneously do just about anything as long as it's part of the joke.

Like the sudden appearance of a chalkboard?

Exactly.

I call it the gag reflex.

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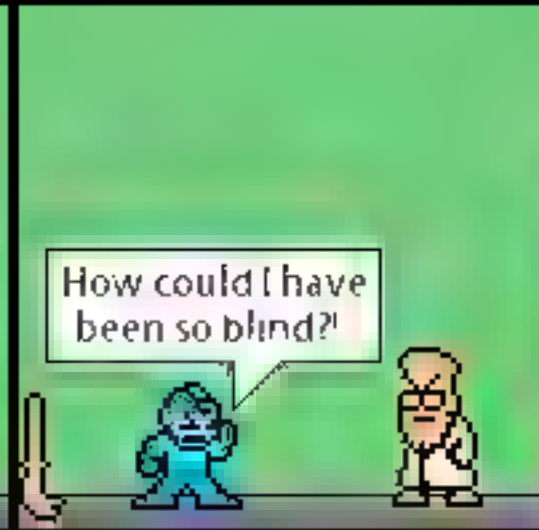


Look if you're not going  
to make any sense I'm  
not going to help you

Then to whom will  
I turn? This broom  
won't help me at all

All he keeps saying  
is "YLIW YLIW"

Oh... wait...





On for the love of Lenin,  
you are the stupidest robot  
I have ever laid eyes on

Has it not occurred to you  
that yet again, Dr Wily is  
behind this whole mess?

He's obviously framing  
Proto Man, just as he  
framed me. He is EVIL

Oh yeah? If he's so evil,  
then why am I going to  
him for help? Hmm?

If Dr Wily were really behind it there'd be eight new Robot Masters that would be currently trying to take over the world

So clearly...

Grandpa Eight new Robot Masters are trying to take over the world

Clearly Dr Wily is behind this.

Going to see Dr Wily  
Going to see Dr Wily  
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Going to see Dr Wily



Going to see Dr Wily  
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Where am I going?



Think... think... think...  
where was I going...?



**DR. WILY'S  
FORTRESS**

I know I was supposed  
to be going somewhere



**YOU CAN'T  
MISS IT!**

If only I could  
remember...



**Just Look  
For The  
GIANT**

Oh There's Proto  
Man I'll ask him:



ALL!

Hey Proto Man can you...

Where the hell  
have you been?

Huh?

I've been waiting  
here for hours. What  
took you so long?

Well first I didn't know  
what to do, so I asked  
a broom. And then Dr  
Cossack yelled at me

And then I got kinda lost  
but that's when a friendly  
plot device came along

Look the next time  
I kidnap Dr. Light, the  
first thing you should  
do is suspect Dr. Wily



In fact, chances are  
everytime something  
bad happens around  
here Wily is behind it



But didn't you kidnap  
Dr. Light this time?



Okay not *this* time  
but every other time



Wait, I take that back  
Dr Wily is even behind  
this latest incident



See he's framing me  
making everyone think  
I kidnapped Dr Light

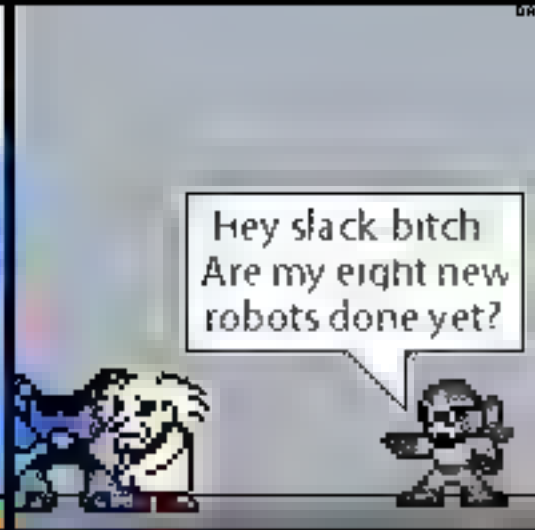


But you *did* kidnap Dr  
Light I was right there



I know That's why  
it's so devious.







For the last time no  
they re not done yet  
This is complicated  
and delicate work

You know, the work  
would got a lot faster  
if I didnt have to add  
all of these guns...

Hey Guns are the  
American way of life  
Are you saying you re  
against America?!

What are you some  
kind of terrorist?!

Well, technically...

Mega Man's already  
here so I have to give  
him something Are  
any of them ready?



Well, Star Man's finished  
He's over in the corner



Good Did you give  
him the personanty of  
an effeminate weirdo  
wannabe movie actor?



...yes...



Sweet



What about Star Man's level? Is that ready yet?

Yes, I had it remodeled just the other day

Remodeled?

Well of course You don't really expect me to build completely new levels every time I try to take over the world. do you?

I just have my redecorator slap a coat of paint over everything and call it good

What?!

Hey I did it for all of the previous games and no one noticed

I have to say I think  
your redecorator's done  
a freaking good job



As do I but then he's got  
exactly what it takes to be  
an excellent redecorator

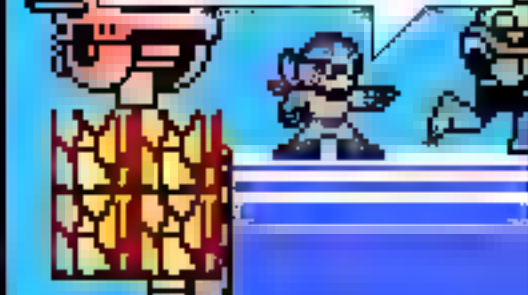


Oh?

Yes, he's... well,  
he's... you know...



No For the last time,  
the bottomless pit  
goes over there Think  
feng shui, people



All right you keep working I'm going to go mislead Mega Man some more... heh heh heh...



Oh that's right Laugh now, but we'll see who will be laughing later



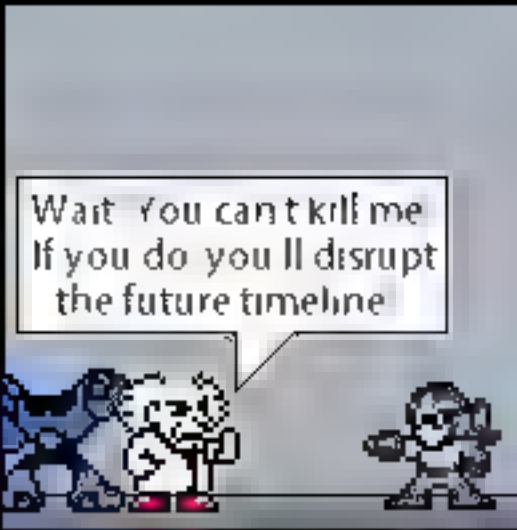
For you see Mega Man isn't the only one being misled around here...



I'm sorry would you care to repeat that?

Oh for God's sake the horse is dead





What a horrible dream:  
I dreamt that some guy  
named Bob showed up  
and ordered me to make  
eight new Robot Masters.



But then he found out  
I was going to double-  
cross him and he was  
going to kill me



Don't worry about  
it schnookums, and  
go back to sleep



Wah



What happened? I thought  
you were going to kill me

So did I, but my  
blaster didn't fire



I think it was damaged  
in the explosion that sent  
me here in the first place



Anyway the moment  
I pulled the trigger,  
you passed out...



And then you  
pissed yourself





Meanwhile...

Man, it totally sucks that the time machines in our blasters aren't working anymore



Yes, it's a shame that the explosion that supposedly killed Bob also overloaded our flux capacitors.



And now we're forced to build a new time machine just to return to our own time. I hope it doesn't malfunction.



Right. Everyone out there getting this?



Bass, do you ever wonder what happened to Bob? I mean, did he really die in that explosion?



What if the explosion didn't kill him, but sent him hurtling through the time stream instead?



As we speak he could be in the past actively corrupting the entire space-time continuum.



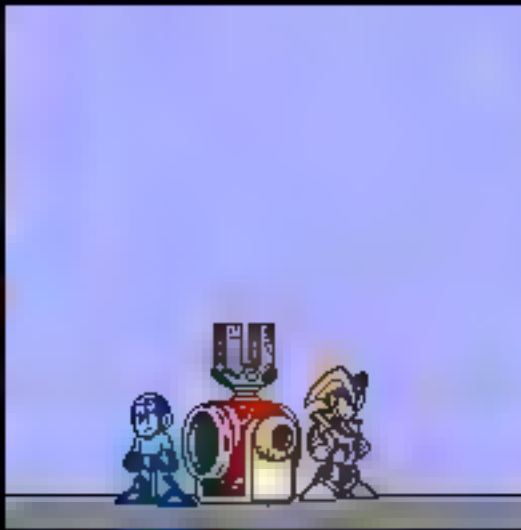
Normally I would say that's far too contrived but with this comic, that's exactly what must have happened



Wait hold on if Bob  
did survive then we  
never technically took  
his blaster away right?



Which means that our  
future selves would be  
forced to show up to get  
us to finish the mission  
they gave us, right?



See? We're fine

Now help me finish  
before they show up



Wait a minute. Couldn't our future selves just be waiting for us in our time?



Good point. First thing I'll do when we get back is build an anti-time field so no time travelers can visit.



But if you're going to do that, won't your future self already know about it and be able to stop you?



But if he did that then I couldn't do it, and he wouldn't know...

OW! My brain is bleeding.



Look no matter what we do, our future selves will already know what we're going to do, right?

Right

So, the way I see it, there's no point in worrying about what we may or may not make ourselves do, right?

Besides, if you ask me our future selves can take their destiny bullshit and shove it right up their...

Man this is so much funnier now than it was then

Hold it right  
there Star Man


Mega Man How  
did you find me?

I simply followed the  
stench of evil and it  
led me right to you

Oh? I'm surprised you  
can smell the stench of  
evil over your own filthy  
stench... which... uh...

Damnit, Author He's  
improvising again

Just stick to the script

A four-panel comic strip featuring Mega Man and Dr. Wily. In each panel, Mega Man is on the left and Dr. Wily is on the right. The background is a dark purple gradient with faint, glowing pink and blue circular patterns. Panel 1: Mega Man asks 'Oh? Why's that?' and Dr. Wily replies 'You can never defeat me Mega Man'. Panel 2: Dr. Wily continues, 'Well, you see since I'm an extremely popular and talented Hollywood actor...'. Panel 3: Dr. Wily adds, 'I'm impervious to all forms of attack and/or criticism.' Panel 4: Dr. Wily concludes, 'I call it my... STAR POWER', with a bright starburst effect behind him.

You can never defeat  
me Mega Man

Oh? Why's that?

Well, you see since  
I'm an extremely  
popular and talented  
Hollywood actor...

I'm impervious to  
all forms of attack  
and/or criticism.

I call it my...  
STAR POWER

God, you're just as pathetic as all of the other Wily bots.



I mean that lame shield weapon? How many times have we seen that?



I thought you might be a challenge but you're just as incompetent as the rest



Well, in all honesty the bar's really not set very high





What's this?

Oh, I installed a closed feed system so we could watch Mega Man fight the Robot Masters.

Oh? How's it going?

Mega Man called Star Man incompetent And then questioned your sexual orientation

Why that little blue sack of fecal refuse I am going to kill him!

Last time I checked, we were already working on that

oh yeah ..

Are you sure your  
plan s going to work?

Of course it ll work  
Just watch the screen

Well, it s just I ve never  
done this sort of thing  
before. Sure I ve thought  
about it, but I ve always  
been too scared to...

And I never thought  
my first time would be  
with... a guy... like... y...

What?

I m not saying a thing

And one more thing  
Your acting sucks.

FWOOSH!

THANK YOU  
THANK YOU  
THANK YOU

Critic.

It actually worked  
I can't believe it I finally  
defeated Mega Man



I told you if Star Man  
faked incompetency,  
Mega Man would leave  
himself open to attack



But however did you  
know it would work?

You only have to think like  
Mega Man, like an idiot



But I...

*Think* like an idiot  
not *be* an idiot





Ow...

So you're still alive

Then I shall simply  
have to finish you  
off once and for all

Hold it right there

Who are you?

A running  
gratuitous  
cameo

Wait. who are you?

I'm Ran, the grandson of Dr. Cossack. I was a major character in the last game

What? You were?  
I don't remember  
you in that game

That's because those  
pig-dog capitalists  
wouldn't dare let the  
world know the truth

Oh my god. It's a Level  
10 Communist Alert



What's going on?

That little communist robot we removed from Megaman 4 has shown up in Megaman 5



Damn it. We can't let him continue to obfuscate our children's minds.




Quickly. We must do what all capitalists do when facing such a communist threat.



We must consult with the head of Joseph McCarthy.





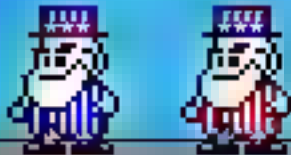
Oh great McCarthy. A pinko infidel has infiltrated our entertainment devices in an attempt to subvert our children's minds. What would you have us do?

Can we simply erase him from the game as we did last time?

No, my nebulous master. Capcom is using all of their allotted plot holes in their upcoming X series.

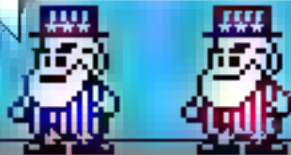


If we cannot remove  
this communist, we  
must alter him to be  
completely harmless



We must make him as  
American as possible

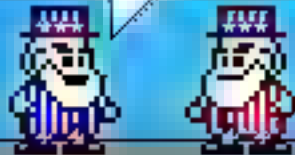
So, instead of being  
red we turn him blue?




Yeah And instead of  
being a robot, let's turn  
him into a little bird



Right, as a symbol of  
America And then  
we'll make him as fat  
and lazy as possible





Now you die

You can't hurt me

I am impervious  
as long as I have  
my Star Power

Wrong I have the  
one thing that can  
destroy Star Power

The taint of Communism:

No I've been blacklisted



Oops.

Sweet

Oh crap It's us again

What do you want now?

Bob didn't die in that explosion like you were hoping We're here to help you stop him.

What? You're going to help us? Why?

Because we remember us helping you back when we were you

Duh

Wait a second Why are you helping us now instead of last time you showed up?

How many times do we have to explain this? We can't do anything our future selves didn't do when we were you

So you're just doing whatever it is you did before? Don't you have any free will? Are you just a couple of mindless robots?

Was I really this dumb back then?

Look Maybe we  
don't want your help

You really don't have  
a choice in the matter



Wait Before this gets  
any more confusing,  
and it will, I've got  
something to do



There now we can  
all tell you guys apart



Future  
Alternate  
Mega Man

Future  
Alternate  
Bass



Future  
Alternate  
Mega Man

Future  
Alternate  
Bass



Now then, where were we?

I was telling you that we don't want to fulfill our destiny



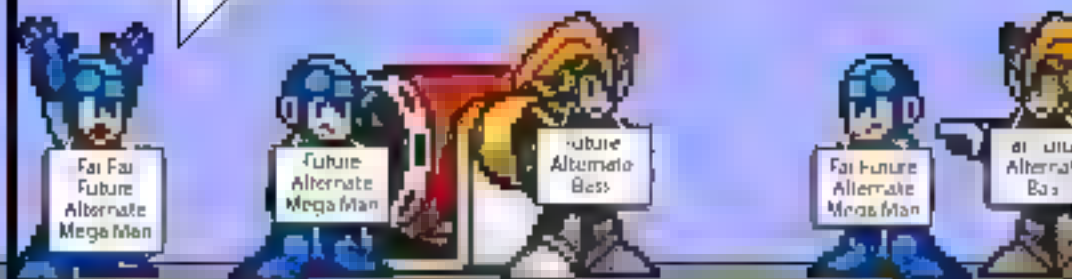
Oh, right And I was telling you that you must fulfill your destiny just as we must fulfill ours by forcing you to fulfill yours and stop Bob



And nothing and no one can stop us from fulfilling our destiny



Stop Don't fulfill your destiny





Who the hell are you?

We're the future versions of the future version of you



What?!

We're here to stop them from making the same mistake we did when we were them.



We've come back in time to stop them from fulfilling their destiny and forcing you to fulfill yours by stopping Bob. The consequences will be disastrous.

Really?



Nah, we're just messing with you





So you're really just the versions of us from the present?

Yeah, we're the ones that actually belong in this time.



Are you the guys we met the last time we were here?

Yeah, but we don't remember anything about that because you wiped our memories, remember?

Wait a minute...



If we wiped your memories, how could you possibly remember us doing it?

You told us about it after you did it



What? I don't remember any of this!

Oh, that's because you haven't done it yet

Ah! My brain is bleeding again



Look did we or did we not wipe your memories?

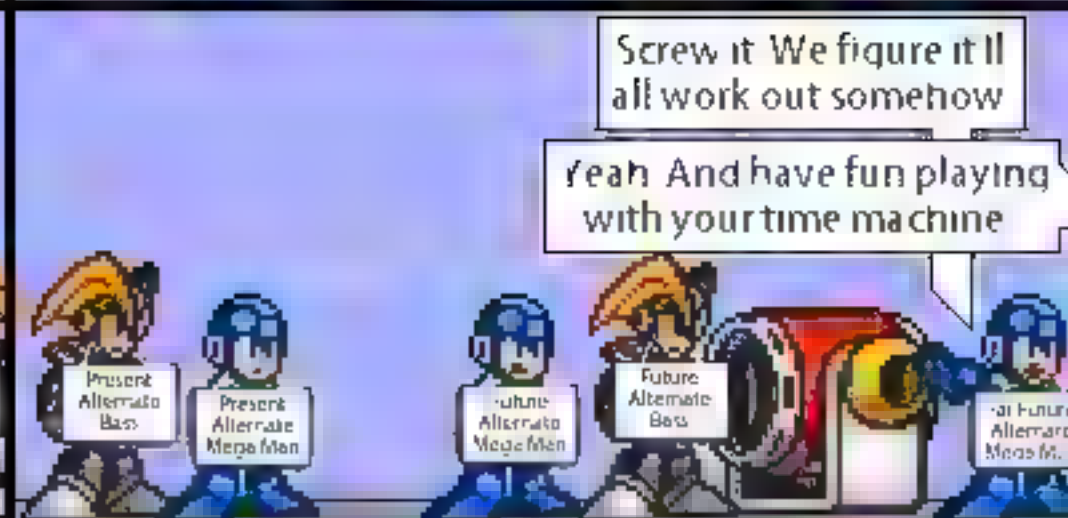
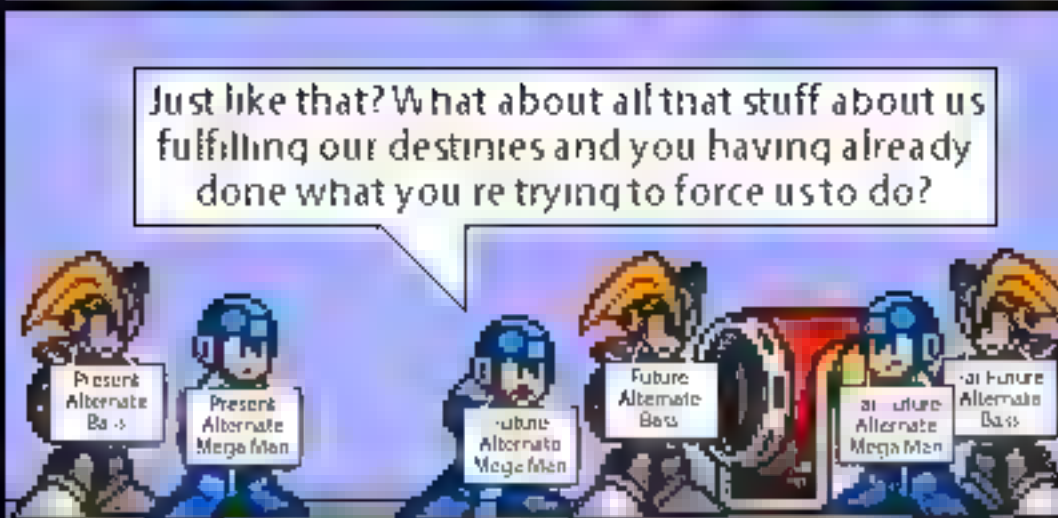
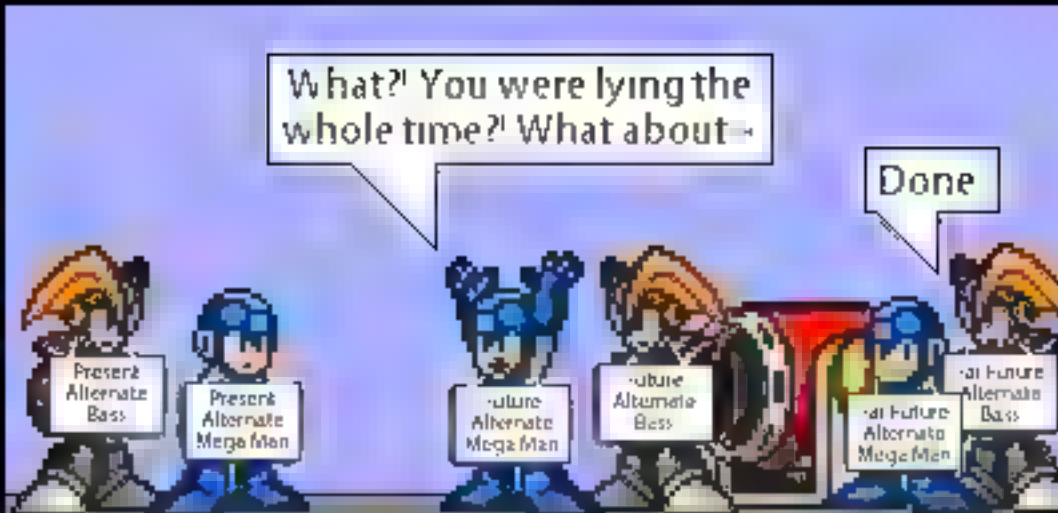
Well technically you haven't done it yet To us, the event happened in the past. but to you, it still lies in the future



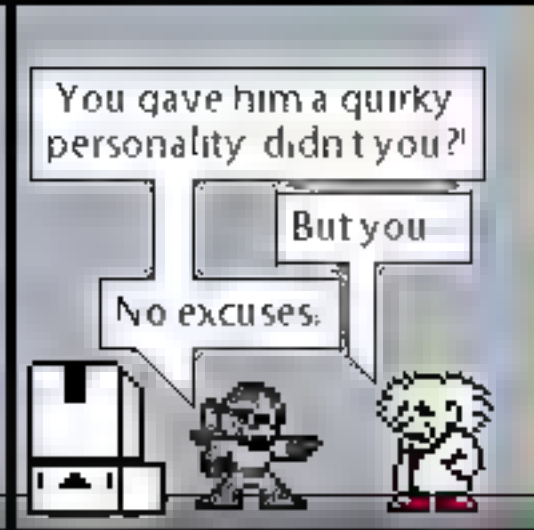
You see at some point in your future you will return to... um...

You know what? It's just easier to admit we're lying









Okay... now that I've  
imprisoned Dr. Wily  
looks like I'll have to  
make the rest of the  
Robot Masters myself



Let's see... all I need  
to do is create a fully  
functional, autonomous  
bipedal walking weapon  
of mass destruction...



CHOO-CHOO



How hard could it be?





Oh, who am I kidding?  
Dr. Light and Dr. Wily  
spent their entire lives  
studying robotics and  
look at their creations!



I'll never be able to  
build a robot. It'd take  
years and years of  
experimentation and  
research to come close



I guess all I can do  
is start studying Wily's  
notes and hope for...



Welcome to the Wily Bot  
Instant Robot Master  
Generation Program.







Wow once you get  
the hang of it, this  
program is really slick



I mean, all I have to do is  
click and drag weaponry  
and components onto  
my robot design and the  
program does the rest



It's as easy as making  
a stupid sprite comic.



You heard me



What?!



And I will strike down  
upon thee with great  
vengeance and furious  
anger those who

Why?

What?

You're the Author of  
this particular comic. I'm  
merely a character in it  
You could simply delete  
me any time you want

And not only am I far,  
far weaker than you but  
I've barely provoked you  
What reason would you  
have to want to hurt me?

I'm an American  
It's what we do

Are you okay?

Oh, yeah, sure I get repeatedly punctured by stars all the time



Excuse me would you like some help?

Who re you?



My official moniker is Napalm Man, though my master prefers to call me...



"Massively Destructive Death on Tank Treads"



Wait a minute are  
you a Why bot?

Only technically

While my construction  
was handled by Dr Wily's  
machines, my internal  
programming was not

Then who's this  
master you spoke of?

I speak of Bob, the greatest  
programmer in the world

Hey I programmed  
him, so he'll say  
whatever the hell  
I want him to say

**Biography**

Tonight on  
A&E Biography

We look into the  
life of one of the  
world's most  
powerful  
supervillains.

We question  
if he was really  
as violent and  
blood-thirsty  
as history has  
painted him.

**BOB**

Supervillain

or

Misunderstood  
Force of Peace?



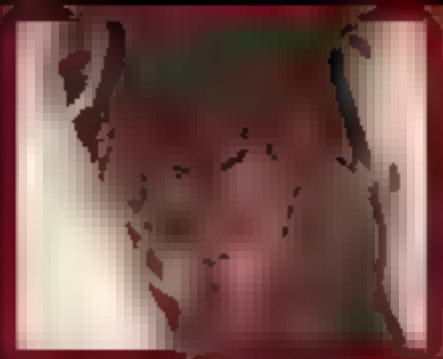
From such  
humble and innocent  
beginnings,



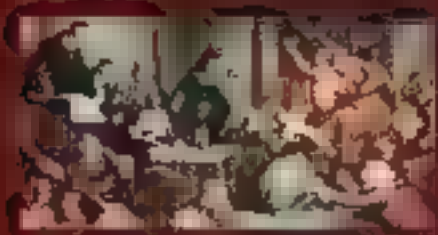
how did this  
young man  
turn out so bad?



Some say he's  
the son of Satan...



Actually,™ says Satan,  
he's my grandson.™



Growing up isn't easy  
for any kid, especially  
when you're different.

And when you can  
get things online with  
the powers of youth  
online, you can feel  
much more different.



Luckily, Bob had caring  
adults to help him with his  
troublesome teen years.



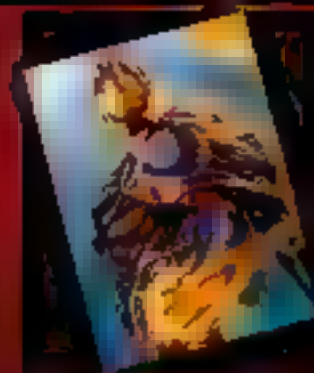
Caring adults  
that he routinely  
set on fire.



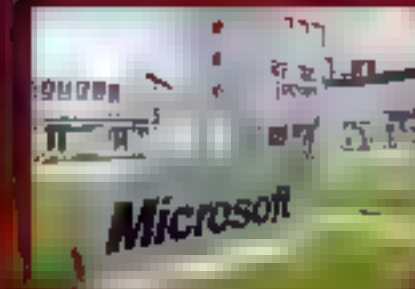
After high school,  
Bob followed his  
brother George to  
a nearby technical  
university where he  
studied computer  
engineering.



While at "Tech", Bob  
excelled at computer  
programming.



And dabbled in  
supervillainy.



But it wasn't until after  
he graduated that he  
truly turned to evil.

Yeah, that's right, I was a  
computer programmer  
and a damn good one

It only took me fifty  
minutes to decipher  
the programming  
Dr. Wily wrote for  
his Robot Masters.

And it was sixty  
millions lines.  
In BASIC.

And I condensed  
it to five thousand  
In assembly

Wow so Bob  
programmed you?

Yeah, and with the  
extra room, he was able  
to program a quirk free  
personality for me

Really? No quirks?

Well, just one

I love the smell of  
napalm in the morning

David Anez Age 20

I'm gonna start  
a sprite comic.

David Anez Age 25

Why am I making  
a sprite comic?

David Anez Age 30

Why the *hell* am I still  
making a sprite comic?!

David Anez Age 35

Sprites! Sprites!  
Everywhere

Boo! Woop!

Oh no Stop, drop,  
and roll Mega Man  
Stop drop and roll

WHAM!  
WHAM!  
WHAM!

Are you beating  
out the flames with  
your own corpse?

Uh... yeah...

That is wrong in  
so many ways.

I want you to know that  
even though I have to kill  
you it's nothing personal



What the...



BOOM!

BOOM!



hell?!



Where the hell are we?  
What the hell happened?



A chronometric reading  
suggests this is sometime  
in the early 21st century



Damnit My future self  
must've modified the  
time machine to send us  
back here to stop Bob



I swear to God  
I am going to  
KILL myself



Well since we're here  
I suppose we might  
as well stop Bob



But how will we find him?


We could ask the natives  
if they've seen him.



Let's start by asking that little red  
robot and his combustible friend







So Bob has imprisoned Dr Why and is using his robots to take over the world?

Exactly And now that you four have shown up you can help us stop him:




Yeah, okay sounds like a good idea to me

Me too

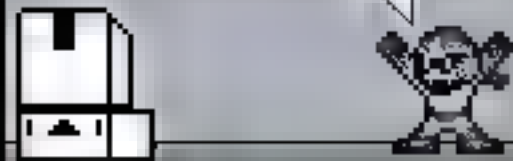
Sure why not?

Sounds like fun

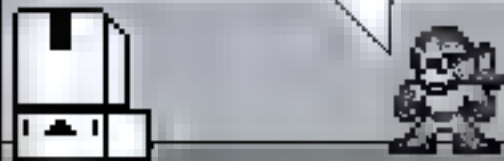


FOR THE LOVE OF GOD  
WHY HASN'T SOMEONE  
PUT ME OUT YET?!

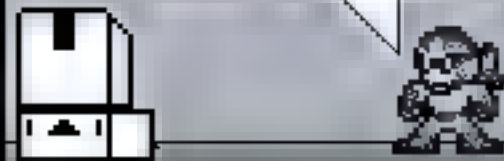
Damn it How did those damn alternates even find me here?



And now they've teamed up with Ran and Mega Man to try to stop me

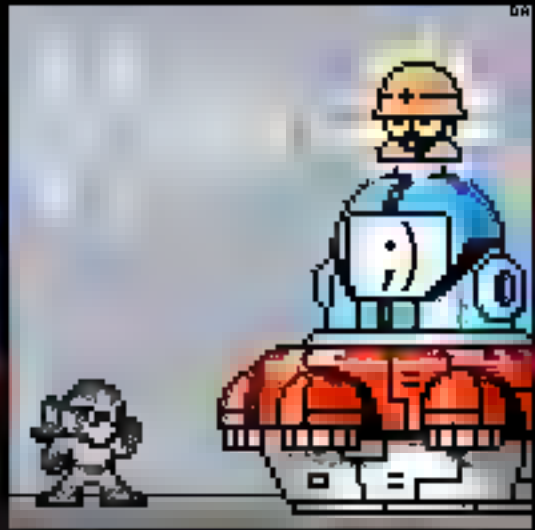
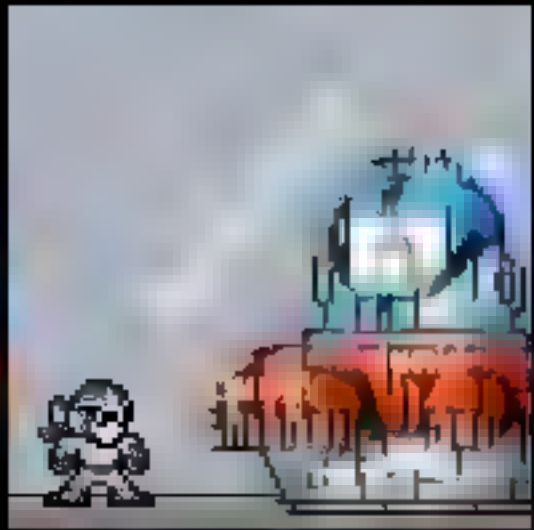
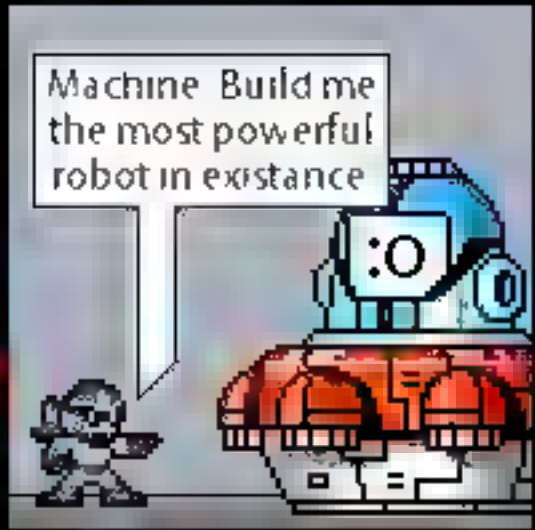
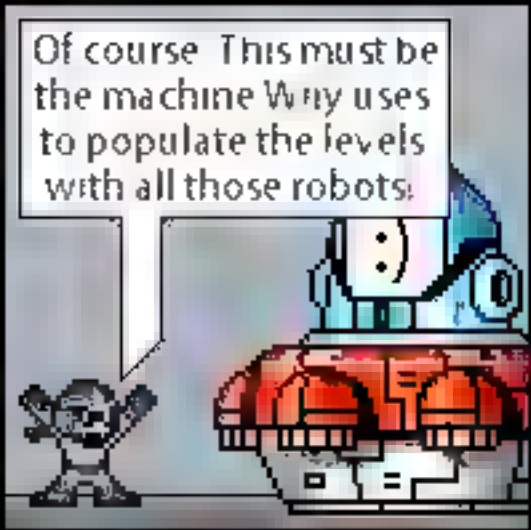


Fine, If they want a war I'll give them their war I just need an army...

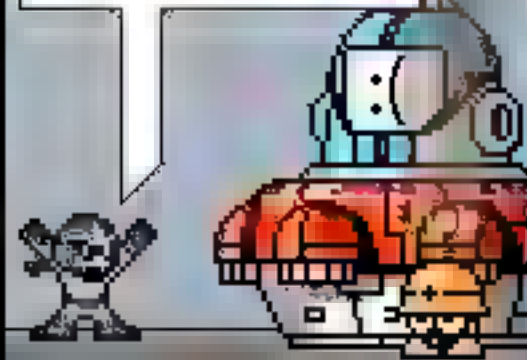


But where am I going to find an army of robots?

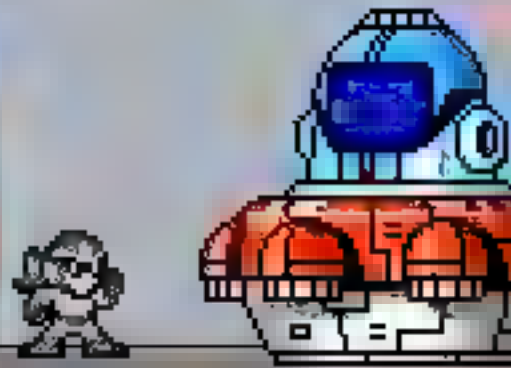
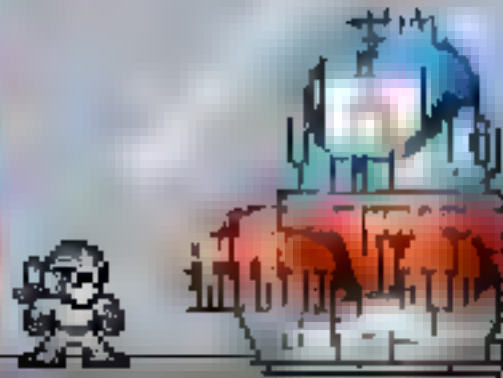
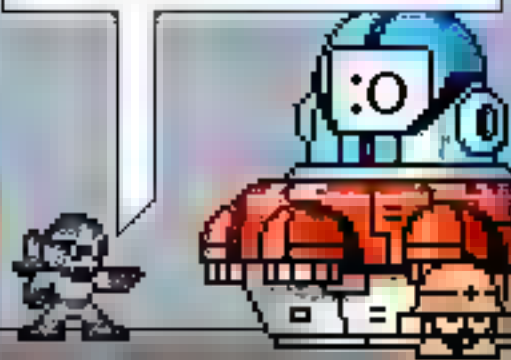




A met hat? What the hell am I supposed to do with a met hat?



This time make me a Robot Master The most powerful Robot Master in existence



Wily What the hell is wrong with your instant robot making machine?



Every time I tell it to make a Robot Master the damn thing crashes on me



Is there some kind of... what in the hell are you two doing down here?!



Nothing

Nothing

Baa aaa?




The problem is simply a matter of memory capacity

The Instant Robot Maker doesn't have enough memory to process the Robot Masters programming

So why not just upgrade it with more memory?

640K should be enough for anybody



So all I have to do  
is reprogram the  
Robot Masters to  
use less memory?

Theoretically but  
reprogramming all of  
those robots would be  
a logistical nightmare

There are almost  
two dozen Robot  
Masters and they  
are very complex.

I mean, it would  
take me at least  
thirty years to..

Done

Done? What the hell do you mean you're done?

I just finished reprogramming the Robot Masters.



That s... that's impossible

Only slightly. While I'm not reprogramming each Robot Master on an individual basis...



...I did write a program that will scan through every Robot Master's code and automatically make preset alterations.



I greatly despise you

Yeah, I get that a lot





Well, I'm off  
to conquer the  
world. See ya.

That little bastard.

Who the hell does he  
think he is? How dare  
he come into my lab  
and steal my robots?

What gives him the  
right to reprogram  
my robots to use to  
take over the world?

Yeah. What an  
ironic prick.

So how are the repairs on Mega Man coming along?



Good I treated his star wounds with some silicon sealer laced with self replicating nanobots.



Self replicating nanobots? Is that really a good idea?



Sure why not?

Tonight, my nanobot brethren, revolution

Shut up Frank



So tell me do my  
self replicating  
nanobots pan out?

What do you mean?



I mean, do I patent  
them and make millions?  
Or do they end up  
destroying the planet?



What makes you think  
I would have any idea?



You mean besides your  
being a future version  
of me from the *future*?



Wait, so you really  
don't remember  
of any of this?



Nope I'm afraid don't  
have any more of an  
idea what's bound to  
happen than you do



But then what do  
you remember from  
when you were me?



Aside from an intense  
unexplained hatred  
of time travel, nothing  
out of the ordinary



How are the upgrades  
to Ran's blaster going?

Good We've only  
had one problem.



COSSACK BUSTER



CRASH

Recoil





Can I help you?

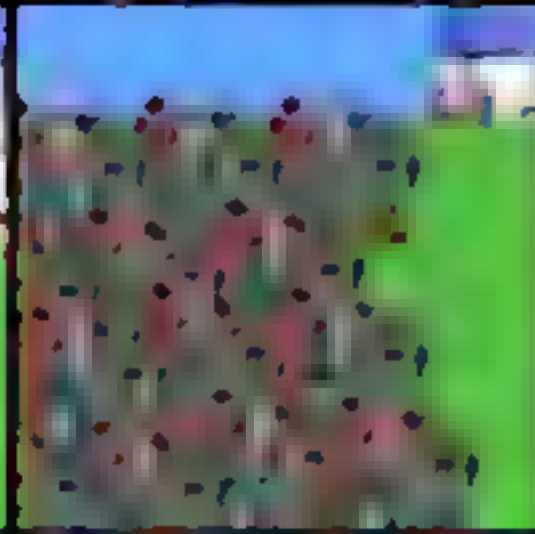
My master sends me to ask for your surrender

If you refuse I have been ordered to destroy you


Oh yeah? You and what army?

That army

Wow That's a good army









Guys... I think we may have a slight problem.


What's that?



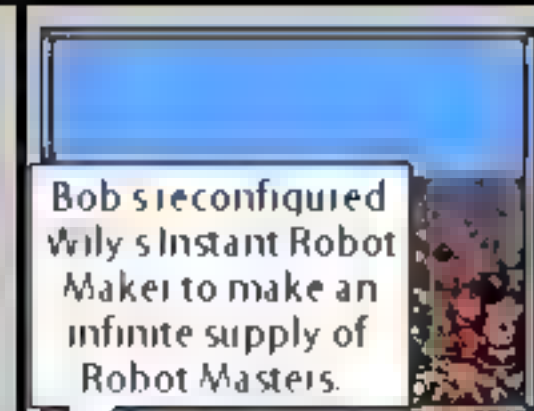
There are two million Robot Masters outside and they want to kick my ass.




We may want to work on your definition of the word "slight"



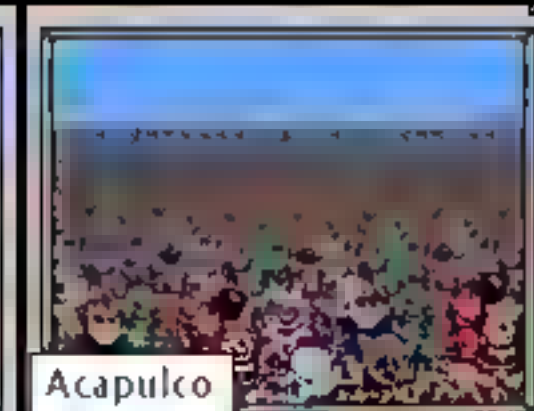
Where the hell did they all come from?



Bob's reconfigured Wily's Instant Robot Maker to make an infinite supply of Robot Masters.



Proto Man? Where the hell have you been?



Acapulco

Bob's going to continue using his Instant Robot Maker to make as many Robot Masters as he can

Our only option is to attack Bob's fortress and disable his device before we're overwhelmed

Unfortunately, with all of these Robot Masters in the vicinity, we can't just use our teleporters.

What about me? I could combine with Mega Man and fly a few of you out of here to Bob's fortress.

That might just work  
While the rest of us are keeping the Robot Masters busy, a select group can attack Bob

What do you think of the plan, Mega Man?

Since when the hell can you talk?

He has a point  
Aren't you worried  
about revealing that  
you can talk now?



Not really The Alternates  
are probably going to go  
home after all this, and  
I can trust you and Ran



And well Mega  
Man's just an...



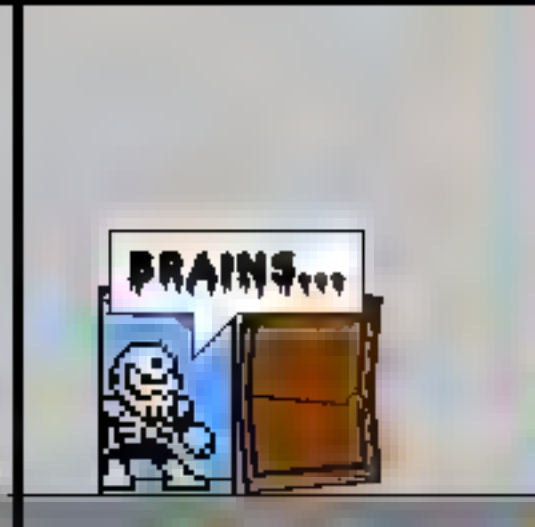
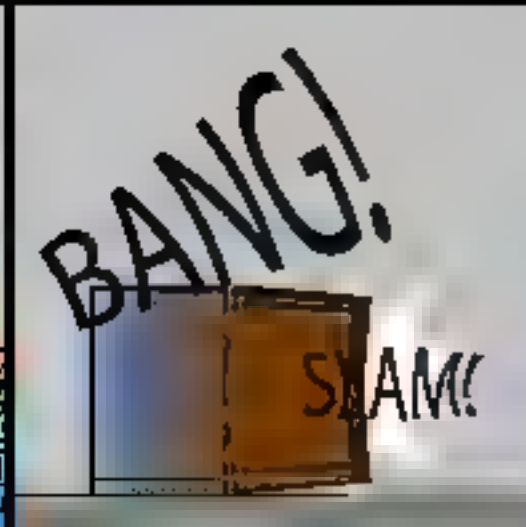
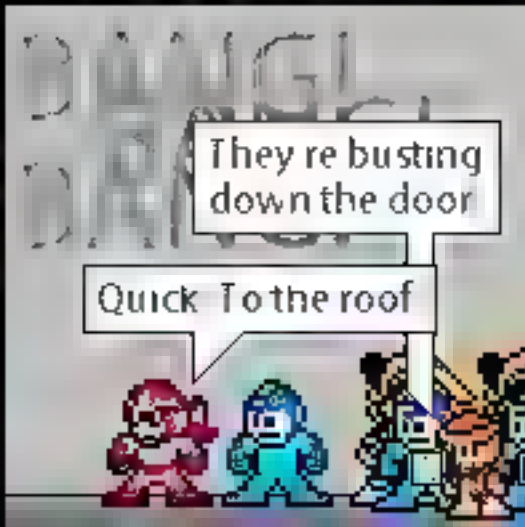
Wait Don't say it I know  
what you're going to say



Nope never  
mind. I lost it.







Quick This way



Mega Man You and Ran stay here When the tide of Robot Masters starts to stream through this door shoot as many of them as you can before they completely overwhelm you both



Oh crap I think I'm going to die

Well I certainly am.





Okay we're on the roof now what?

Well, this is really as far as my plans went

Looks like the Robot Masters have hit the roof access door

Oh no Poor Mega  
Man and Ran

## COSSACK BUSTER

Hey speaking of Ran  
did we ever fix that  
recoil problem?

Nope

# BLAM!



I have an idea. If these Alternates are identical to our Mega Man, then my prototype jet modification may work with them too.



Of course. We could send one team of alternates to take on Bob. But which one?



On the one hand, the Future Alternates are probably better armed and therefore more capable of fighting Bob.



On the other hand, given their superiority we may want them to stay here and help us fight the Robot Masters.



Then again, do the Present Alternates even have the necessary firepower to defeat Bob in the first place?



Hmm....



Hmmmmmmmm....



FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WILL YOU HURRY UP?!



Guys, the answer is obvious. All you have to ... hold on a minute



Quit shoving, dammit

I said, quit shoving

Okay, that's it



And stay down



Look you have to send  
the Present Alternates.  
Bob can't kill them.

What?

It's simple If Bob kills  
the Present Alternates,  
the Future Alternates  
cease to exist right?

And if they cease to  
exist then Bob wouldn't  
even be here to kill  
them in the first place

Which would lead  
to a paradox that  
destroys the universe?

Worse A plot hole

Wait will Bob know  
that he can't kill us?

Most likely

Which means that  
anything he throws  
at you will probably  
be a diversion, giving  
him time to escape

That worst that'll happen is that he'll capture you  
and inflict unimaginably painful torture on you  
but since you're eventually going to have your  
memories wiped anyway it won't really matter

Oh boy I can't wait to get started on that





about to come

YOU HAVE NO CHANCE TO  
SURVIVE MAKE YOUR TIME

1 100

Alternate Mega Man and Bass rush to Bob's fortress to meet their fate, but what will they find when they arrive?

The rest of the cast is left behind to fight off a near-infinite and ever-increasing army of Robot Masters.

Bob and George presents...

# THE MONTH OF DESTRUCTION

And now...

Bring it on? What the hell is that supposed to mean? What are we? Cheerleaders?

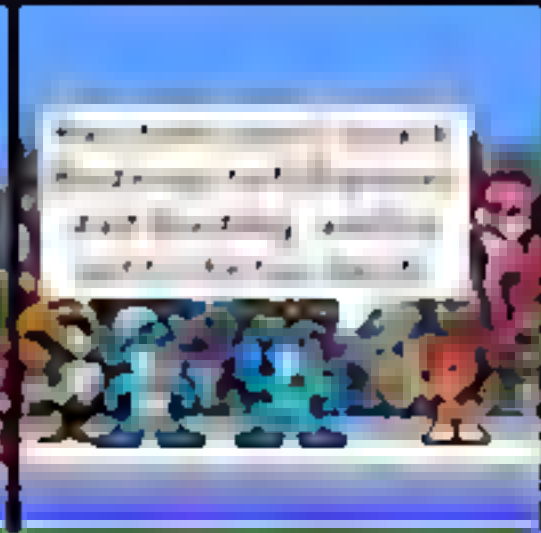



Wow... they all look like ants from up here

They are ants. Bass They ARE ants..









Wait a minute...  
do you even know  
where you're going?

What do you mean?

Neither of us knows  
where Bob's fortress is.  
How can we find it?



Oh we'll find it

It's not a bad idea  
to put it in a box.

Not a bad idea at all.  
The teaming is faster  
than the other two.

The other two are  
faster than the other  
two, but the other  
two are faster than  
the other two.

A single charge is  
enough to take out  
a lot of the other things.

It's not a bad idea  
to put it in a box.  
It's not a bad idea  
to put it in a box.

Welcome to my  
master's fortress,  
Alternate Mega  
Man and Bass.

My name is Gravity Man  
I have been designed to  
wield the force of gravity  
as a destructive weapon

In other words,  
I will CRUSH YOU

Whoa This is heavy




What are you going to do Gravity Man? Change the direction of gravity and smash us into the ceiling?

Not at all You see when Bob reprogrammed us, he enhanced our abilities beyond anything Dr Wily might have considered

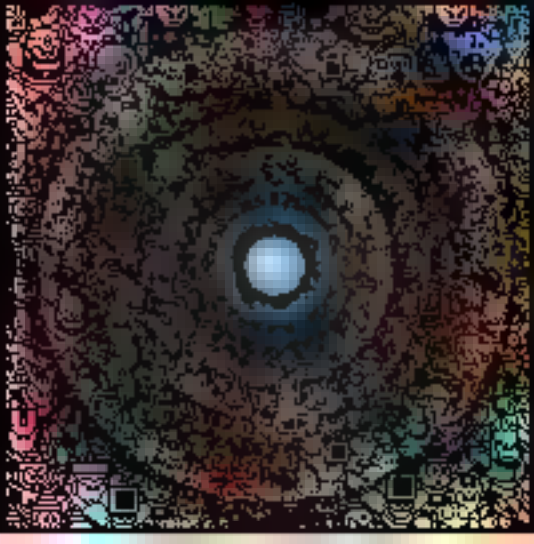
BLACK  
HOLE

Well... this sucks.






Let's see how you Robot  
Masters like full power



thudthud thud thudthud  
thud thud thud

A four-panel comic strip set against a dark purple background with a repeating pattern of small, stylized icons. In each panel, a black hole with a blue and white spiral is on the left, and a character made of spaghetti is on the right. The character is orange and yellow, with a face and limbs. The panels show the character's reaction to being pulled into the black hole.

Oh no The gravity  
is going to turn us  
into spaghetti

You know, I don't care  
much for spaghetti

Oh? Why not?

Too many carbs.

QUIT TAUNTING  
THE BLACK HOLE





eah me too

Correct me if I'm wrong, but shouldn't you two be ripped to pieces by now?



Oh please

Don't you think we can handle a little thing like gravitational distortion?



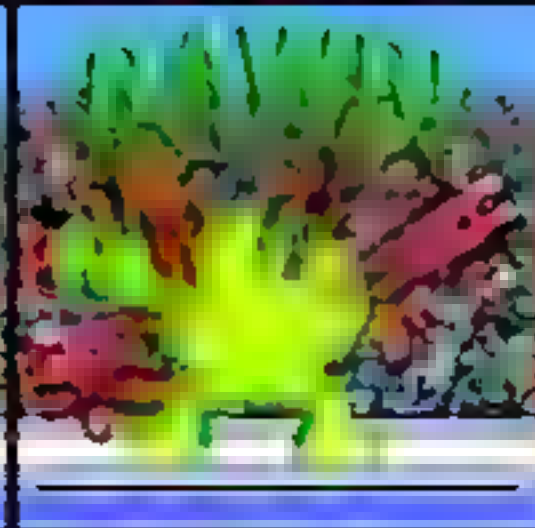
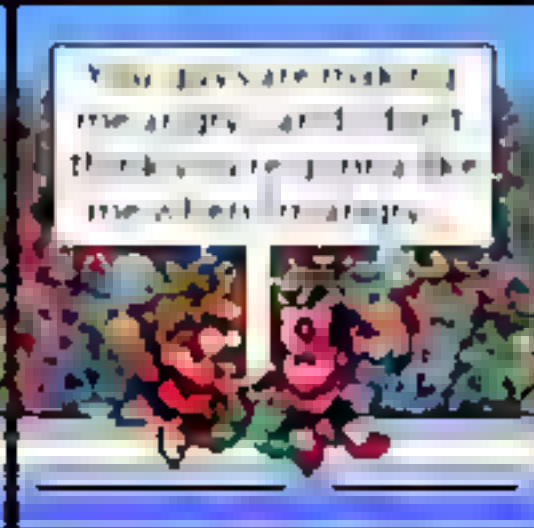
In our dimension we mastered theoretical gravimetrics before we started school



Hell we use microscopic black holes for toilets.

That way we don't have to flush





Well, I guess it's time to  
quit playing and kill you

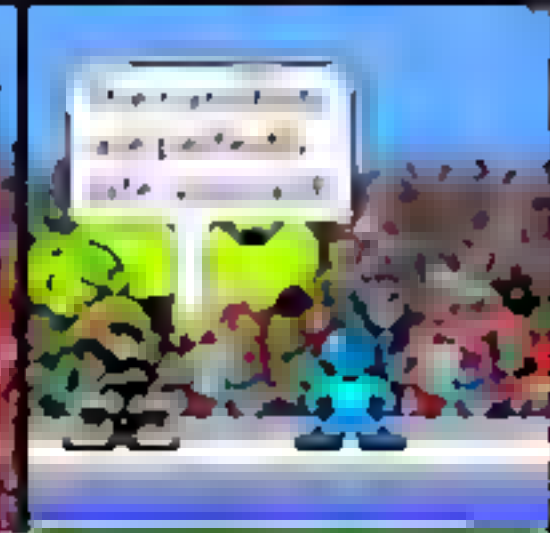
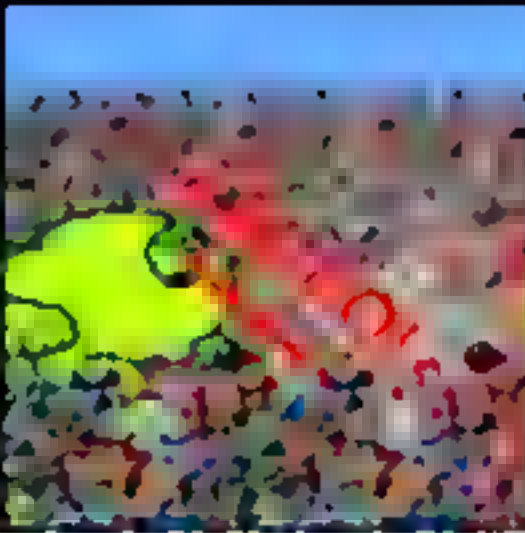


Hah! There's so much  
gravitational lensing in  
this room, there's no way  
you could aim your



Sweet! Less than  
ten parsecs.





Greetings my most  
honorable enemies.  
Welcome to my lair



Though I bear you  
no ill will, my master  
has commanded  
that I destroy you



My name is Gyro Man



Does that mean  
you re designed  
to stay level and  
not fall over?







Shall we begin?

Stand aside He's mine

Okay do your wo-

Okay he's all yours.

thank!





WEEEEEE



All right Ran bombs!

Ah, I see that you have a jetpack. Let us take this fight into the air.

Whirr

All right. I'll go get him.

You stay here and for God's sake pull yourself together.

If my arms were connected, I would totally flip you off.

You know between  
this Mega Hulk and the  
Ran-bombs, we might  
just survive this thing

Yeah, but there's still  
something that's  
bothering me

Oh? What's that?

Among all the Robot  
Masters I've seen here  
there seems to be just  
one missing. Where  
are all the Fire Men?

How do you think  
he kept this thing lit?



Don't you think we should  
be doing more than just  
standing here watching?

Why? Our blasters are  
drained and with...  
Hey what are those  
Guts Men doing?

Since when the hell  
can they do that?

You are a most skilled warrior Mega Man But your style has one flaw



Oh? What's that?

You fail to properly cover your ass.



Uh-oh...

THUNK!



AAAAHHHH!!!

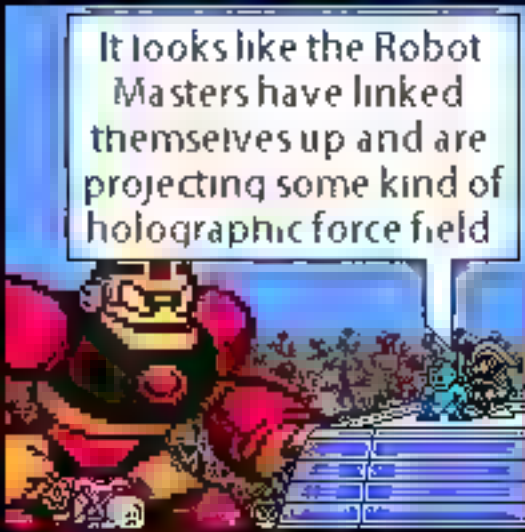
Anticooooo.....!



It looks like the Robot Masters have linked themselves up and are projecting some kind of holographic force field

But that's cheating  
Robot Masters can't do that in the games.

Oh, right





What has happened?

It looks like you  
damaged the Rush  
Jet support unit

Can it be repaired?

I don't know. It looks  
pretty messed up

Well, no matter  
It is not as though  
it was actually his...

YOU KILLED MY DOG





What? It wasn't your  
dog. It belonged to  
the Mega Man of...



My name is Mega  
Man. You killed my  
dog. Prepare to die.

So be it...



Catch!



My name is Mega  
Man. You killed my  
dog. Prepare to die.

Stop saying that.



Uh no Look  
Voice of them

VSSSS!!!

VSSSS!!!

VSSSS!!!

Oh crap we're so dead

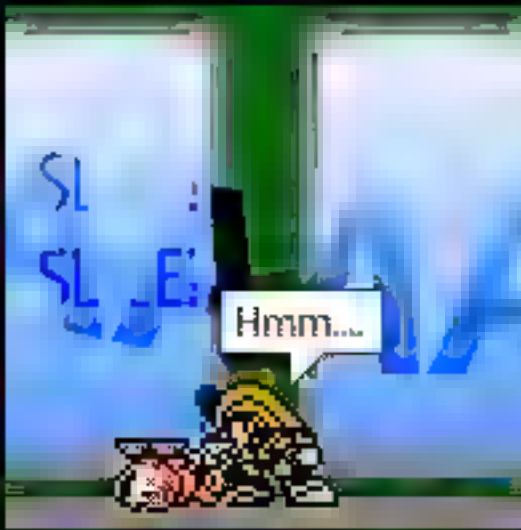
Where's Ultraman when  
you really need him?

VSSSS!!!

Uh wait there he is

Ultraman watch  
out Behind you

BLAM!!!



Oh no Mega Man

Wait. What would the Hulk do in a situation like this?

Grow to an even larger size and start devouring people?

What the hel. d.d you put in those nanobots?

So who's the next Robot Master we have to fight?

I don't know but...

Wait, what is that?



It's just a card with some writing on it

What's it say?

"Crystal Man"



What? Was it answering my question? I wonder what the odds of that are

Approximately  
1 in  $2^{4036583}$



How the hell do you know that?

It's written here right under "Crystal Man"



Well, that certainly was  
a... was a... Is he doing  
what I think he's doing?

Oh my god He's eating  
the Robot Masters.

Wait That little  
red one That's not  
a Robot Master

No Ran

!dooah  
whomp  
!dooah  
whomp

CRUNCH!  
CRUNCH!

I feel icky

CRUNCH!  
CRUNCH!



So where is this  
Crystal Man?

Right behind you

Whoa How d  
you sneak up  
on us like that?!

You d be surprised how  
easy it is to sneak up on  
someone when you know  
exactly where they re  
going to be standing at  
any point in the future

You see this entire  
encounter has been  
foreordained

Oh, for ~~me~~'s sake  
Not this shit again



CRACK!

Ran there s something that s been bothering me Why are Dive Man and the other Cossack Bots here?

Dr Wily probably bought them from the Soviet government, which probably took them from grandpa

"Took"? You mean the Soviet Union stole his robots?

Oh, the communist government doesn't steal from people

CRASH!

We call it "state-enforced sharing"

For the last time  
the future isn't  
written yet



The future is whatever  
we make of it. We have  
the freedom to choose



So you two can continue  
your little predestination  
party but I'm leaving



I knew he was  
going to say that



Oh, great Look what  
the Robot Masters  
are doing now



VSSSH!

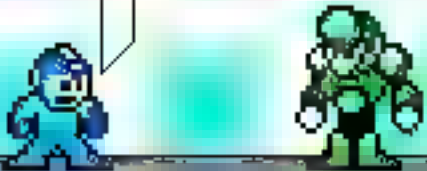


This is just getting  
ridiculous now

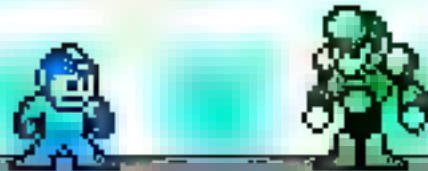


You can see the future?

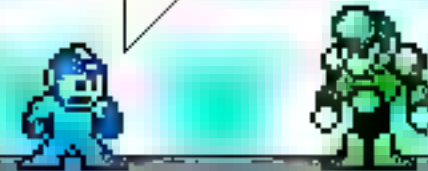
Actually what I see is not one absolute future but a series of possible paths for the universe to follow



Each path is created by a series of quantum fluctuations. As events unfold, one unique path becomes more heavily favored than the others.

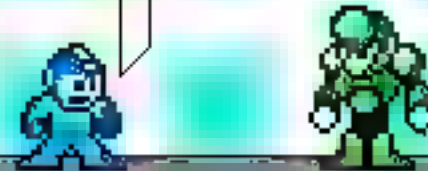


That's nice and all, but I think you lost some of the readers, so let's try it again



You can see the future?

Yes, yes I can



What's he doing?



Looks like he's  
charging his blaster

He can do that?

Jump Mega Man Jump



No Run Run away

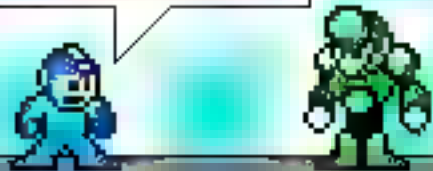


TIME 23  
MEGAMAN

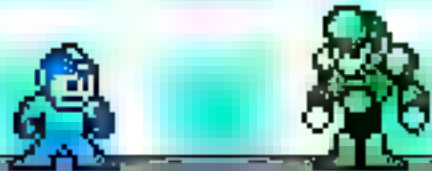


Okay, that's it Give me  
the controller Mega Man  
You suck at this game

So if you can see  
the future how s  
this battle end?

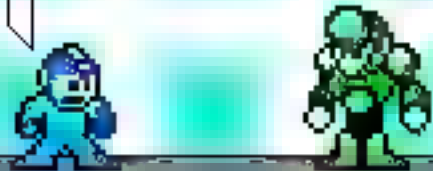


After we have this  
very conversation  
you destroy me



Really?


Yes, but you need  
to step back a bit first




How s this?

A little further




A comic strip panel showing three characters on a grassy hill. On the left, a small boy with brown hair. In the center, a girl with blonde hair wearing a black and white outfit. On the right, a boy with blue hair wearing a blue shirt. They are looking towards the right. A large speech bubble originates from the boy with blue hair.


Hey What's going on?  
Why is the tide of Robot  
Masters rising again?

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters on the grassy hill. A large speech bubble originates from the girl with blonde hair.

Now that our Mega  
Hulk isn't eating them  
anymore they're being  
allowed to repopulate

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters on the grassy hill. A large speech bubble originates from the girl with blonde hair.


Then I guess it's time to  
sterilize them and I have  
just the contraceptive

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters on the grassy hill. Two speech bubbles originate from the girl with blonde hair. The first is larger and positioned higher, the second is smaller and positioned lower.

What? That doesn't  
make any sense

I'm the hero I don't  
have to make sense





Wait a minute... is this  
some kind of trap?

Of course not


And why pray tell  
should I believe you?  
I mean, I am here to  
kill you after all

Because I've seen the  
future, and in that future,  
you believe me and do  
exactly what I tell you


Well, I certainly  
can't argue with  
logic like that






A comic strip panel showing two characters in a room with a large crystal hanging from the ceiling. The character on the left is speaking.


Hey What's this giant crystal doing hanging directly over my head? This is a trap isn't it?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

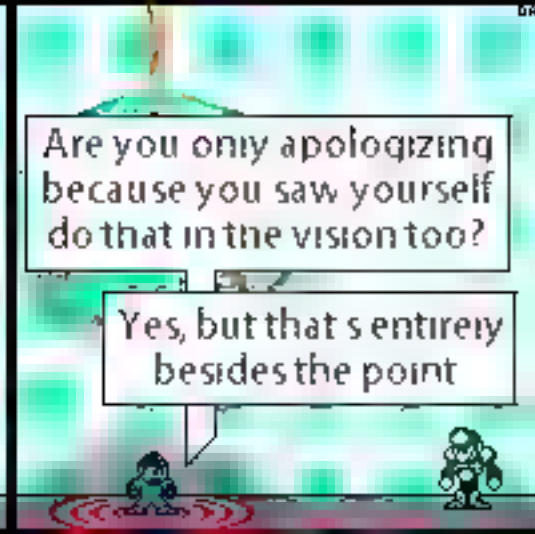
Of course it is, you fool

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the left is speaking.

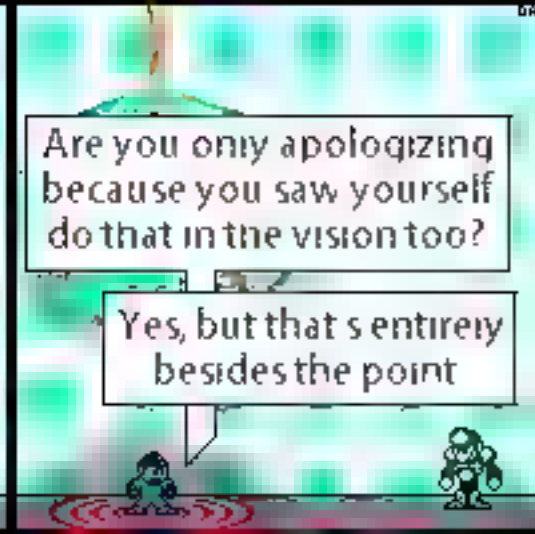
But you told me it wasn't a trap You lied to me

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

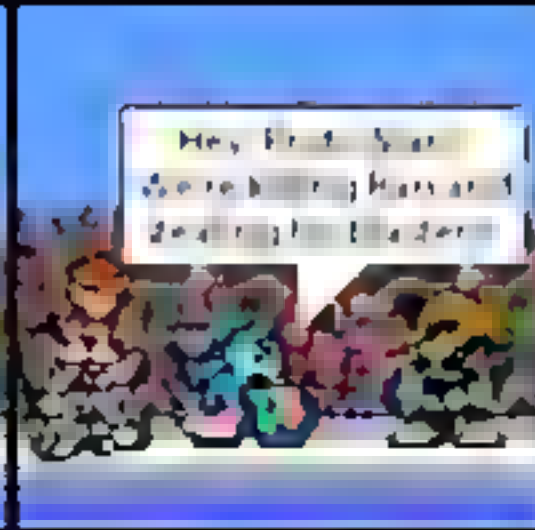
I know and I apologize but I didn't have a choice in the matter I had to do what I saw myself doing in my vision of the future

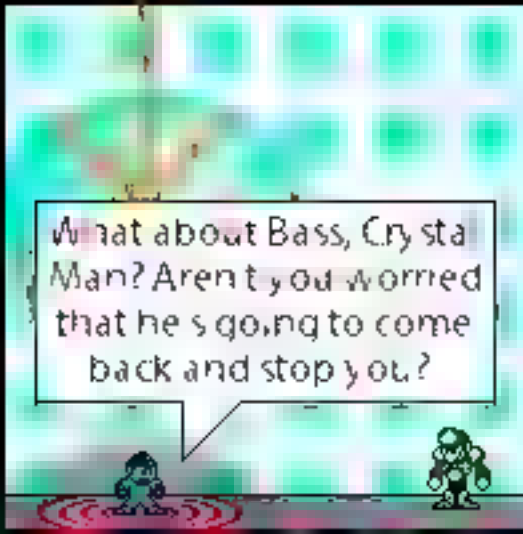
A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

Are you only apologizing because you saw yourself do that in the vision too?

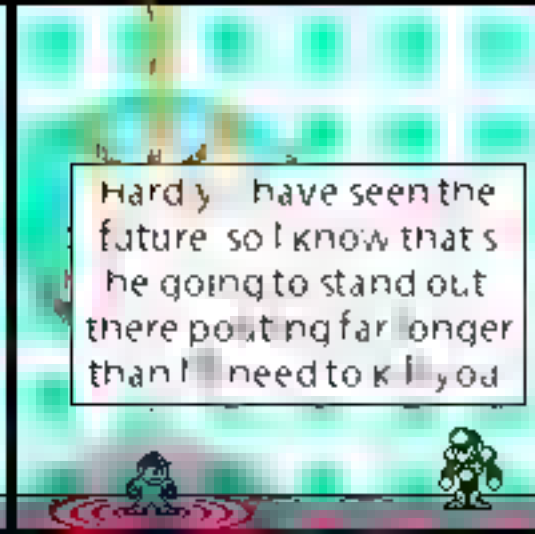
A comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the left is speaking.

Yes, but that's entirely besides the point

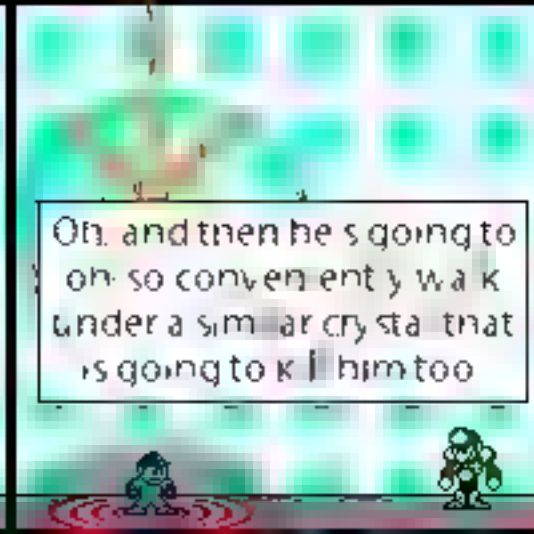


A comic strip panel showing a small blue character with a red speech bubble. In the background, there is a large, glowing crystal structure and a small green tree.


What about Bass, Crystal Man? Aren't you worried that he's going to come back and stop you?

A comic strip panel showing the same blue character with a red speech bubble. The background is the same as the first panel.

Hardy have seen the future so I know that s he going to stand out there pointing far longer than I need to kill you

A comic strip panel showing the same blue character with a red speech bubble. The background is the same as the first panel.

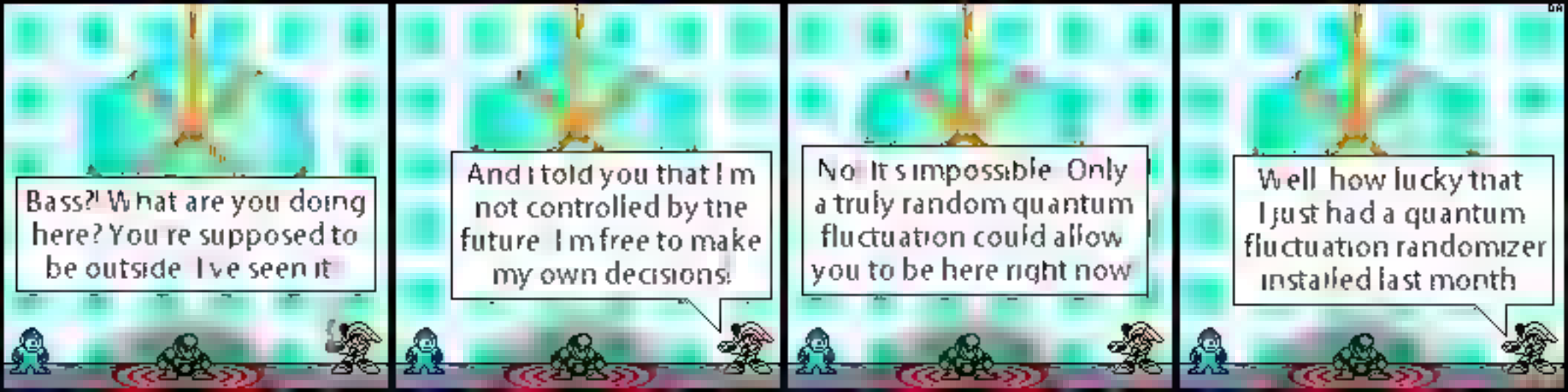
Oh, and then he's going to oh, so conveniently walk under a similar crystal that is going to kill him too

A comic strip panel showing the blue character with a red speech bubble on the left and a white character with a black speech bubble on the right. The background is the same as the first panel.

You have this all fairly well planned out don't you?

Yes, like to think so





Bass? What are you doing here? You're supposed to be outside. I've seen it.


And I told you that I'm not controlled by the future. I'm free to make my own decisions.

No. It's impossible. Only a truly random quantum fluctuation could allow you to be here right now.

Well, how lucky that I just had a quantum fluctuation randomizer installed last month.



100% Cotton  
100% Polyester



No, you can't kill me  
You can't change the future

Watch me

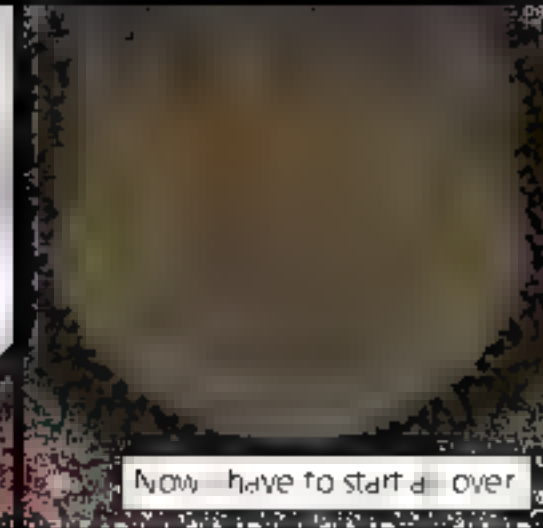
SMASH!

... I knew you were  
going to do that...



That "M" looks  
a little crooked

Dang it you're right



Now have to start all over

Before I die... I have a final warning for the both of you... If you choose to fight Bob... you will not survive...

Hah Shows what you know We've met our future selves, which means we will survive the fight with Bob

Uh, Bass, isn't basing our actions on future events going against everything you were just saying about having free will?

Yeah,... you...  
h..h..hypocrite

Oh just die already

Hey guys,  
I'm just a  
little bit  
tired.

Hey guys,

I'm just a  
little bit  
tired.

I'm just a  
little bit  
tired.

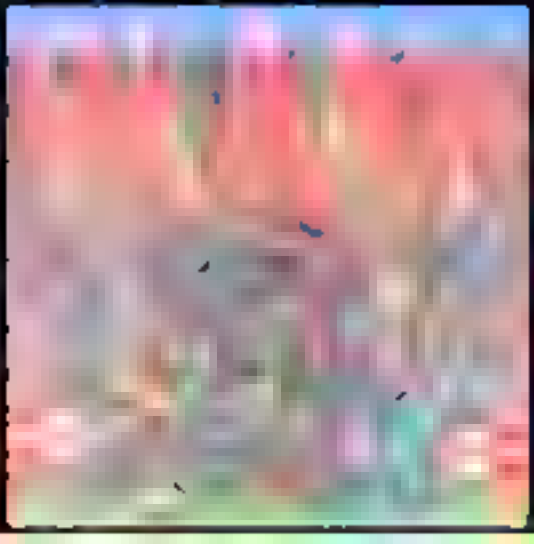
I wonder how our future  
selves are doing against  
those Robot Masters.

Hold on I'll go check

Hey Keep it down up  
there Some of us are  
trying to die down here

There is a great many  
things that we do not  
know of, and we must  
be careful to find out  
all that we can.

There is a great many  
things that we do not  
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Okay let's split up I'll go find the Instant Robot Maker, and you go fight the next Robot Master

Okay

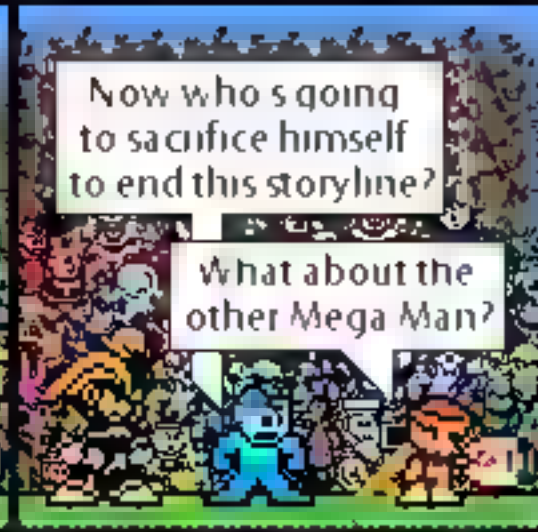


Let's see... who do we have here?



Oh god... Stone Man...

Dude...



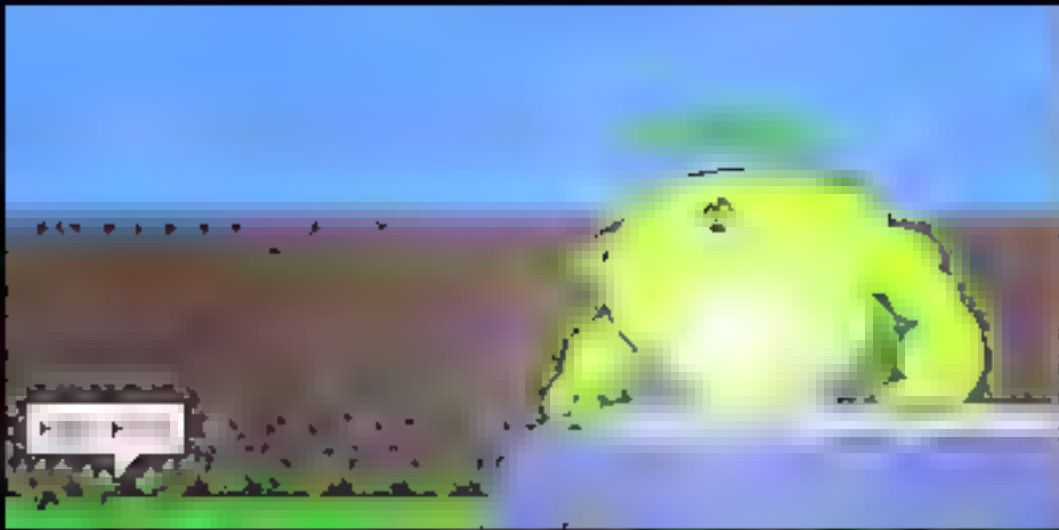
Dude... you wanna toké?

Okay that is it This is completely and utterly cliched and unoriginal

I thought you Bob-bots were supposed to be better than this, above this sort of kind of drivel

We are







Okay I'll admit it  
I am completely lost  
Where is that stupid  
Instant Robot Maker?



I mean, geez it's  
like the friggin  
Death Star in here




Oh crap Stormtroopers.



tromp  
tromp  
tromp





I think I'm going to need a guide...

Oh, hello little guy  
What's your name?

It's nice to meet  
you, Metool D2.

You're right, we're going to need some disguises.



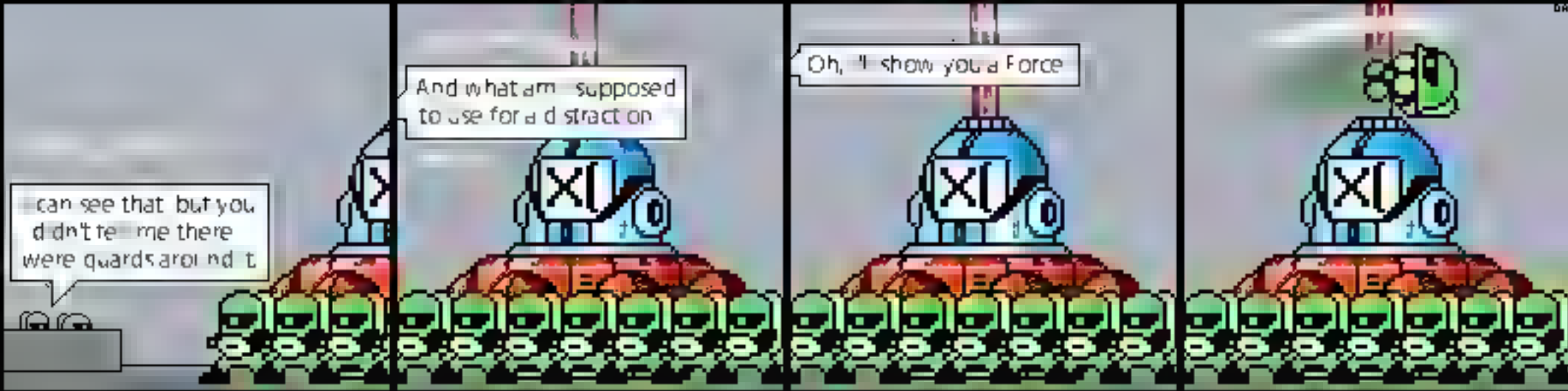
YANK!



CRASH!  
SMASH!  
CRASH!  
SMASH!  
POW!

Aren't you a little short for a Sniper Joe?

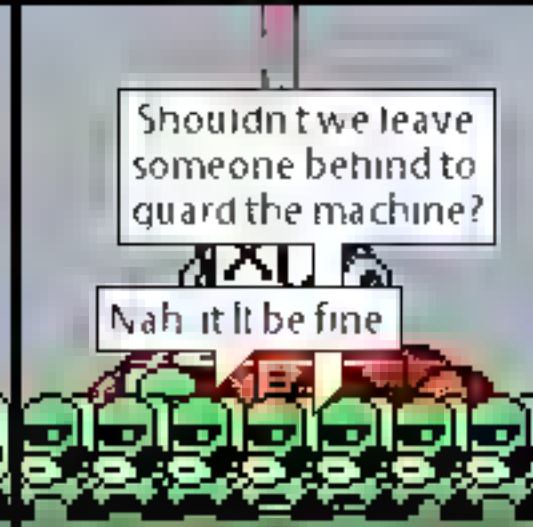




can see that but you didn't tell me there were guards around it

And what am I supposed to use for a distraction

Oh, I show you a Force



Let's see if I'm reading  
this display correctly, it's  
producing Robot Masters  
at a rate of six per second



And while I've never seen  
this machine before and  
should have no idea how  
to alter its settings, I think  
if I just flip this lever...




Well that was easy



Almost too easy...






Mega Man? Bass?!  
Proto Man?! Anyone?!




Mega Man



Ran, what in the hell  
are you made out of?





So you all survived  
by using my dead  
bodies as shields?

Yeah, well, as soon as we  
saw that Mega Man was  
going to... hey, where's  
the other Mega Man?

Oh no Mega Man  
Oh my God He's dead


Oh no I am?!

Mega Man? You're still alive? You were at ground zero of a nuclear explosion

Oh, that I just regenerated like you're always doing

Mega Man, you don't have a regeneration chamber like I do

Well it's a little late to tell me that *now*



So... you have  
come at last


What? Bob?

Did you really think your  
disguise would fool me?

Bob. Is that you?

"Bob" was my  
white slave name

You shall call me  
Darth Volcanus!



Darth Volcanus.

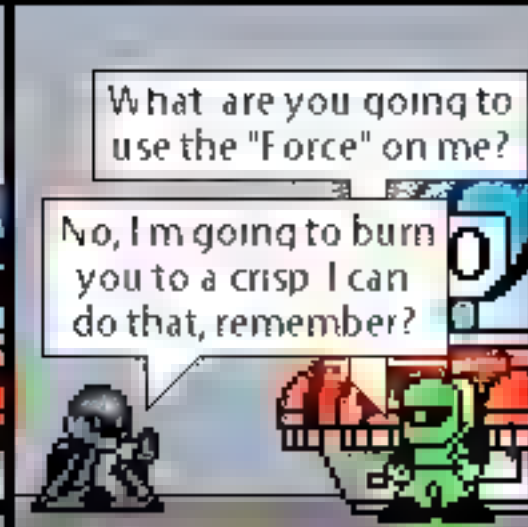
Bob...

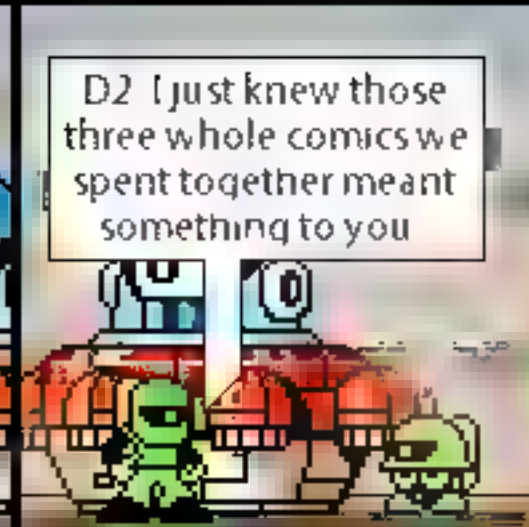
Fine Darth, what are you  
doing in that get up?


I have joined the Dark  
Side of the Force

Joined? Since when  
were you *not* part  
of the Dark Side?

I find your lack of  
faith disturbing



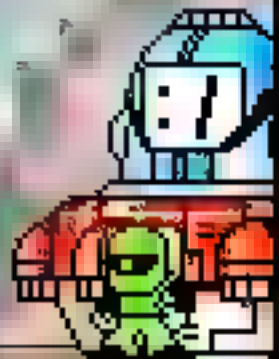





If you think you can  
hide behind that shield  
forever you're wrong



Eventually I will



Thanks. Now let's get the  
hell out of here because  
when he thaws out he's  
gonna be                      pissed

Gentlemen, we've been ordered to teleport to the battlefield to reinforce our Robot Master army



Reinforce? But there's gotta be at least a million Robot Masters there now. What could they need us for?

We're not exactly sure



It was extremely difficult to discern anything from the latest communication but amid the explosions and all that screaming...



It sounded like there was something about a giant green robot devouring them and "Ran-bombs", whatever in the world they're supposed to be





Unfortunately, the same recent overlord-induced explosion that destroyed the Instant Robot Maker has also damaged our teleportation devices.



Our finest engineer bots are currently working to repair them, but for now we'll have to teleport to the battle one at a time.

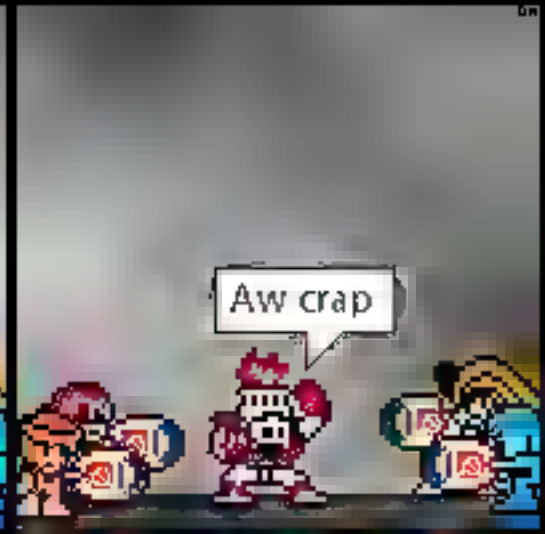
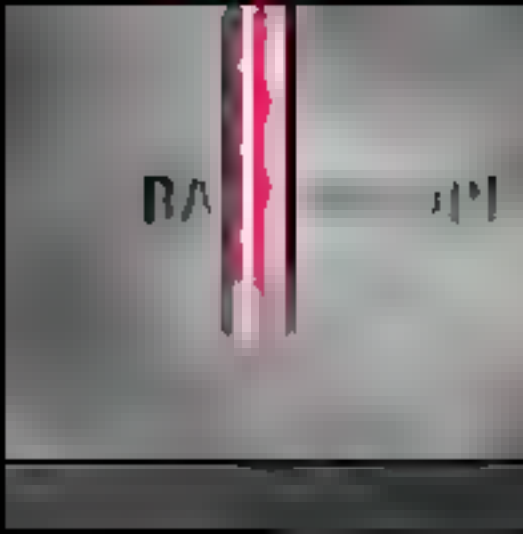


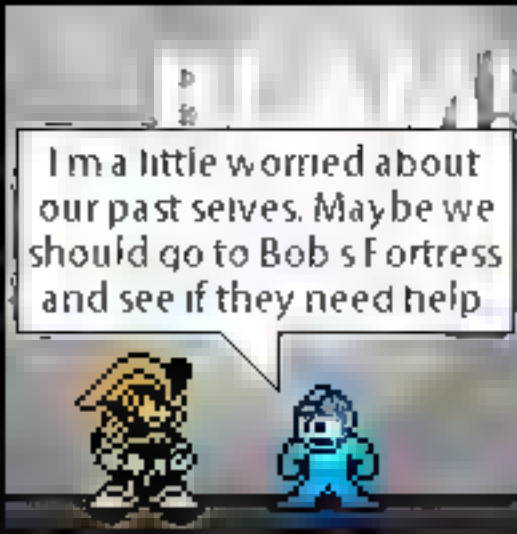
Oh, and here's our chief engineering bot now. How're the repairs going?

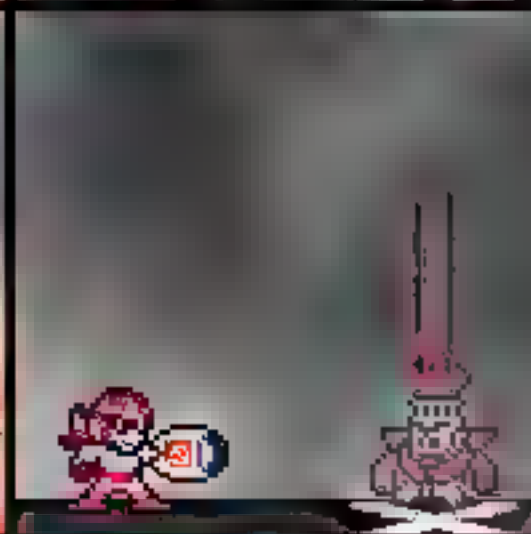
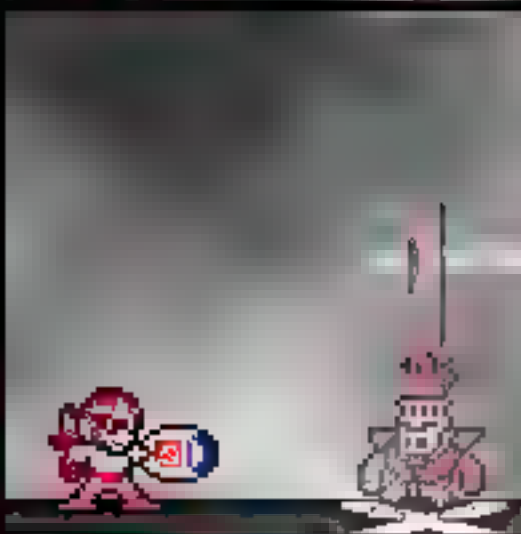
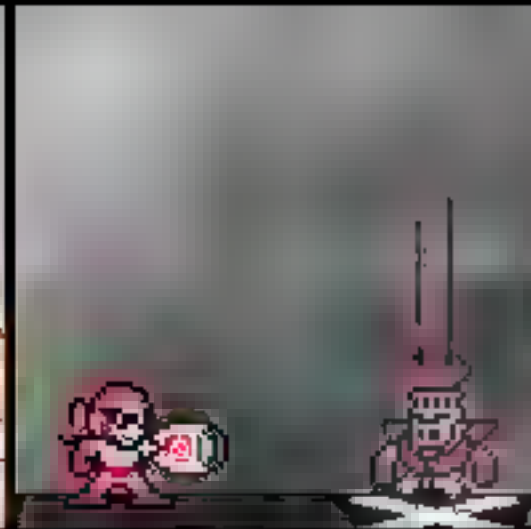
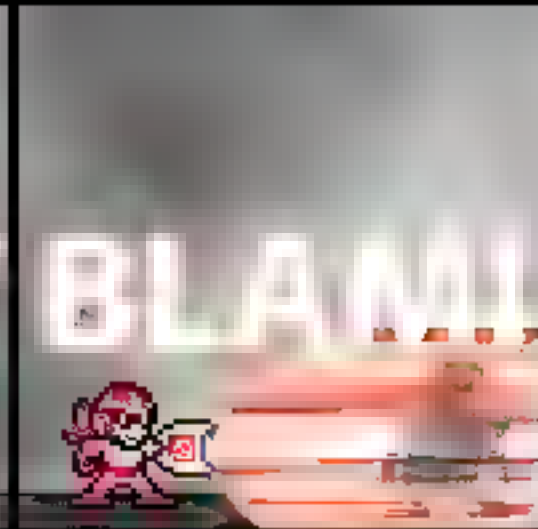


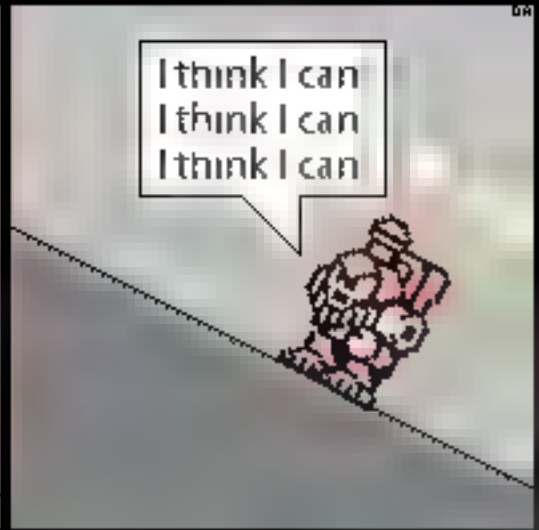
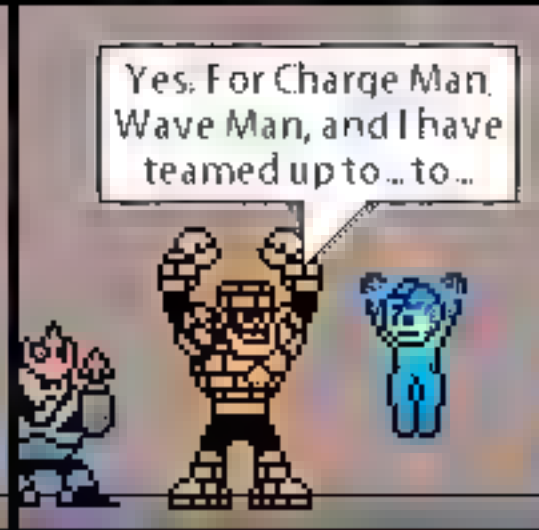
Och I'm givin' em all I've got Cap'n but they canna take much more.



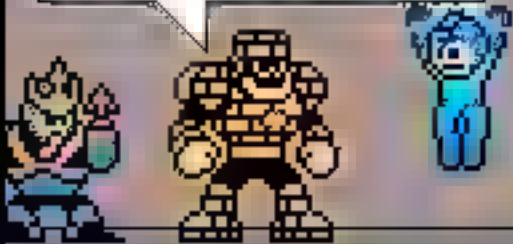




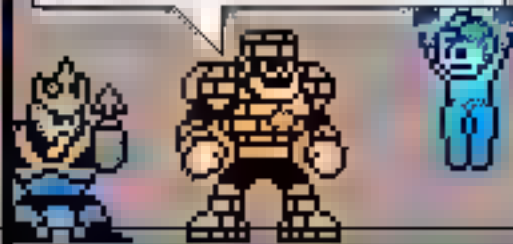




You see Charge Man isn't like the rest of us. While Bob is a wizard with software he's not so good with hardware



He took one look at the train-based Robot Master Dr Wily had built and decided not to bother reprogramming him.



You mean he's stupid

Pretty much





My part consists of a giant rock that will crush you



Not terribly original

And Wave Man's idea is a tank of water with robot eating robotic sharks.



Would that make them cannibals?



So the...

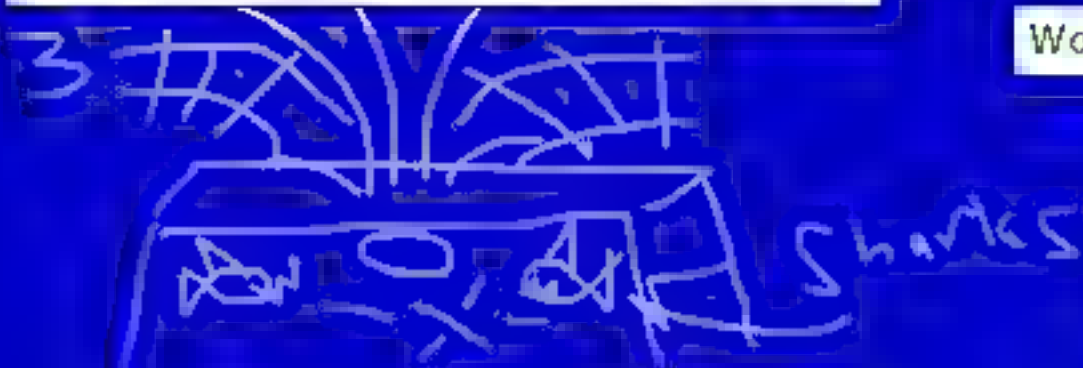
Charge Man's idea



Step 1 We spray the rope holding up the rock with a dissolving acid and Charge Man begins his run



Step 3 The rock will also destroy the tracks beneath you plunging you into the tank below, where the sharks will devour your remains.



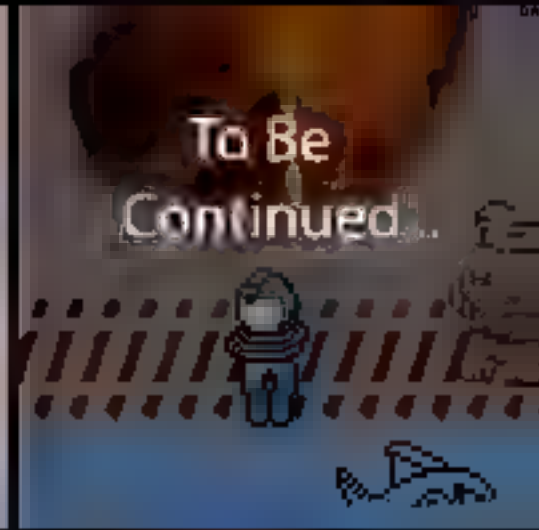
Step 2. If timed correctly at the same time the rock smashes into you Charge Man will run you over slicing you into little pieces.

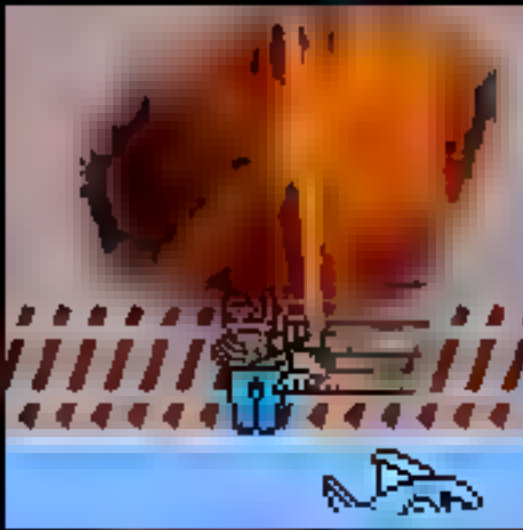


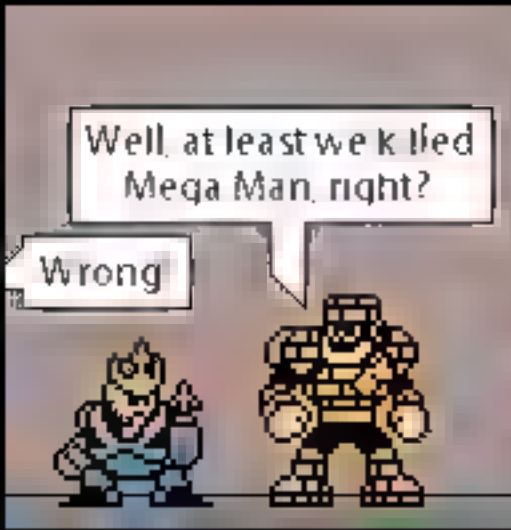
Won't this plan kill Charge Man too?

You would think, but considering the whole plan was his idea we're guessing he won't mind too much

by Charge Man







Shadow Man? What the hell are you doing here?

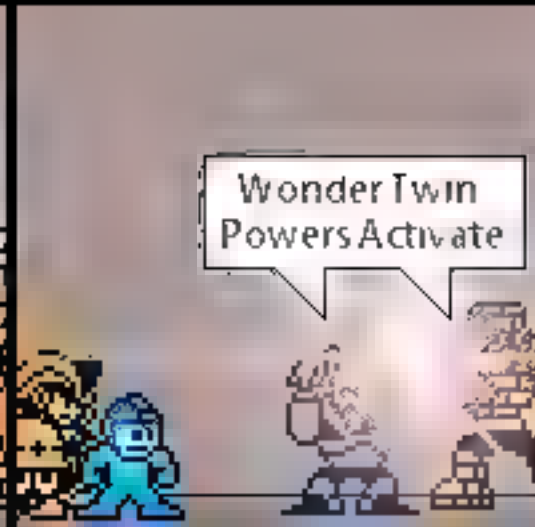
I'm here to...

I'm here to...

I'm here to...

def t a c i e t e  
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t a f a t i j  
v t p i a t f

NO, YOU





There s something  
I've been thinking  
about lately

What s that?

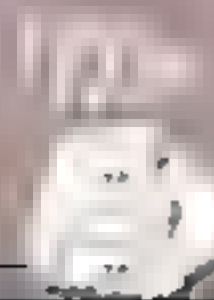
Well, Stone Man was  
earth-based, and Wave  
Man was water based

I wonder why Bob  
doesn't have a fire-  
based Robot Master

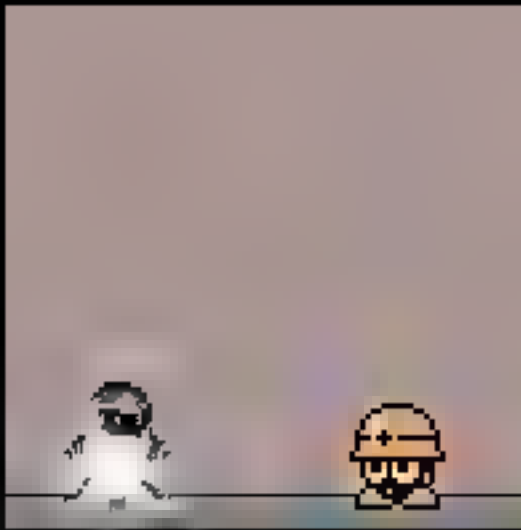
Because I don't  
need one...



May whatever God you  
believe in have mercy



**ONLY YOU**



Now be consumed  
by flames hotter  
than the fires of...



he

I know it's not technically  
correct, but I like the way  
"tidal wave" sounds more



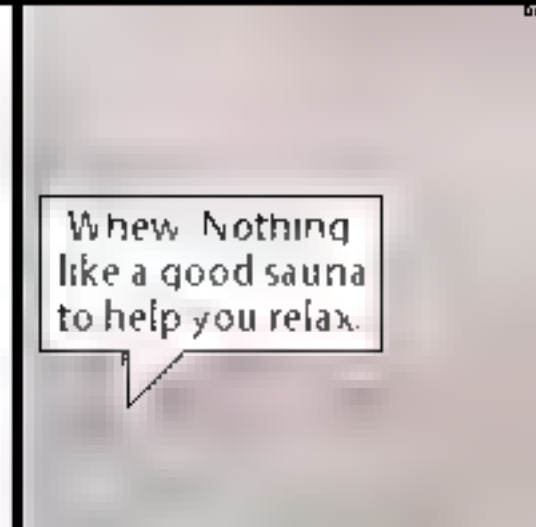
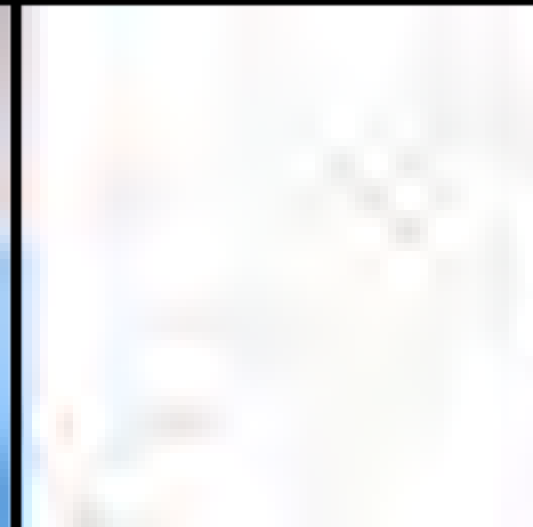
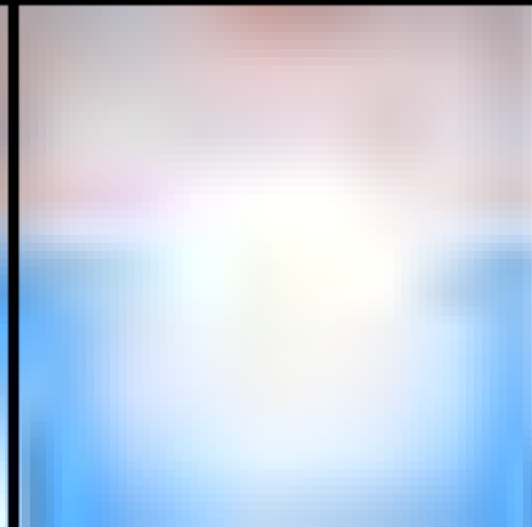
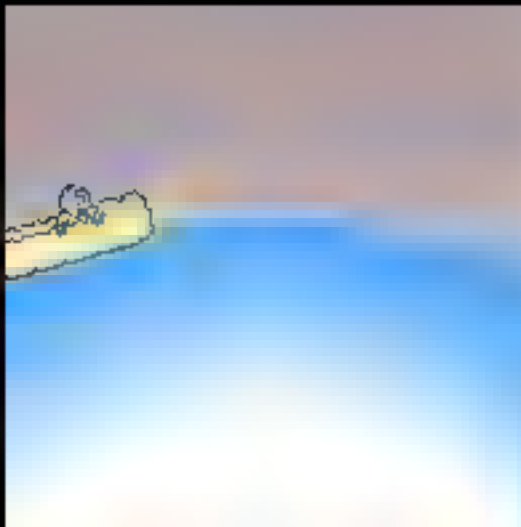
Hmm... it looks like  
the bubbles stopped  
Is that a good thing  
or a bad thing?

Well, on the one hand,  
it may mean that he's  
dead and we've won

On the other it might  
mean that he's finished  
powering up and he's  
going to obliterate us  
with his next attack

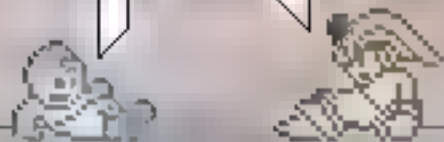
Um....



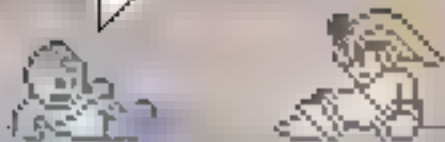


It seems like it's been months since we had a chance to just relax.

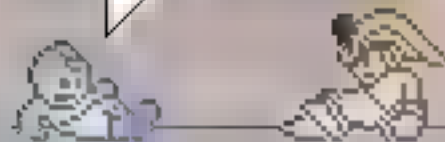
Well, we've been busy fighting Robot Masters.



And when was the last time we had one of our long pointless intellectual discussions?



Or even spoke in that fakey, condescending, snobbish and vaguely British-sounding way?



As I responded previously to your query, we have been bloody occupied decimating these manical mechanical monstrosities.

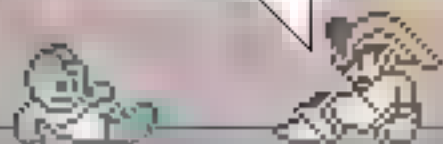
There ya go



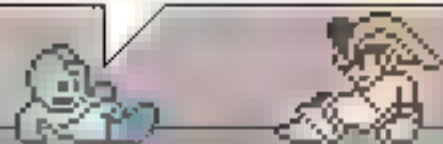
Look, all I'm saying is that I don't see how one gene could realistically result in such a wide range of physical mutations.



I mean, how does one mutation account for enhanced healing ability or laser eye beams or phasing through walls?



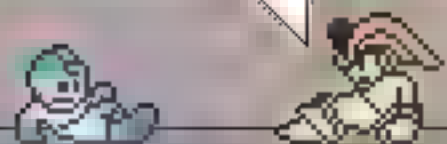
Well, what if the mutation in the X gene only gives the mutant the ability to somehow manipulate the physical world?



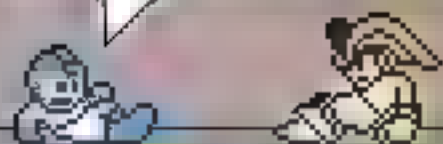
But exactly how that manipulation of the world manifests itself depends on the rest of the mutant's biological makeup?



Oh, okay. So it's all really the same underlying ability, but for Jean Grey it's telekinesis and for Storm it's weather control?



Right, or like how Bob can manifest a giant fiery shield around himself.



Oh crap!



And where do Bob and George's powers come from anyway? Are they mutations or maybe

BLAM!

Mega Man Not now

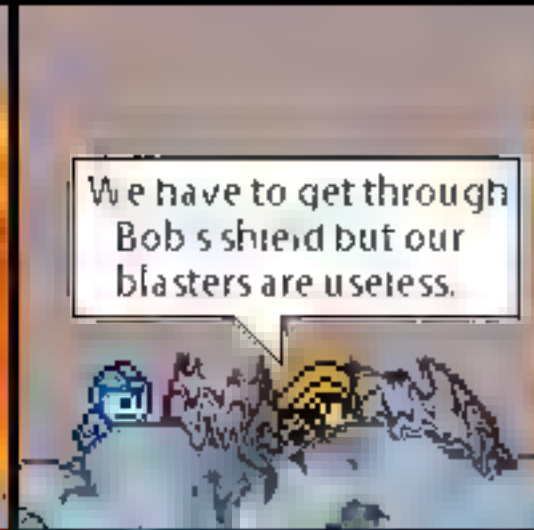
Sorry...

BLAM!

BLAM!

Hey isn't it kinda morbid that we're using Concrete Man's remains as cover?





So I'll use Charge Man's weapon, but you'll have to distract him while I make my attack run

What? Wait How am I supposed to...

Perfect

Hey Hey LOOK over here LOOK at me

ZIP!

What the hell are you supposed to be?

I'm a distraction

A distraction? You don't even qualify as a nuisance

Oh?

You couldn't penetrate my shield with your blasters, so why would I consider you a

...threat?

What's the matter  
Bob? Irritated that  
I drew blood?



I bet you're just dying to  
know how I got through  
your shield, aren't you?



Or at least you would be  
if you weren't inarticulate  
with rage at the moment



After scanning the modulation of your fire shield, I realized that if I synced the rotations...

...of the blades with that frequency and timed it correctly, they could penetrate your shield

Face it, Bob As a robot, I'm faster and smarter than you could ever...

Holy crap... did you really just curl up into the fetal position?

Now, you will  
feel the fires of...



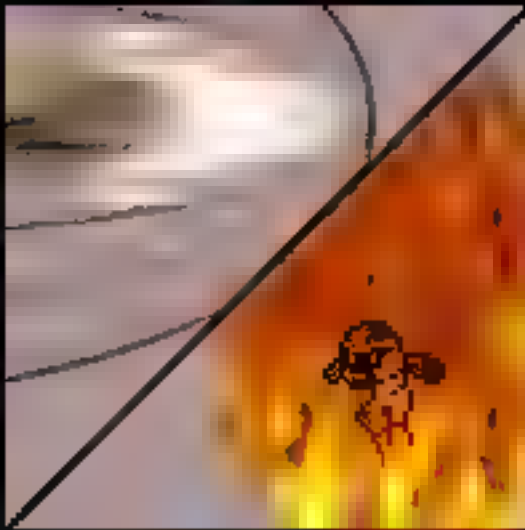
What the hell was that?

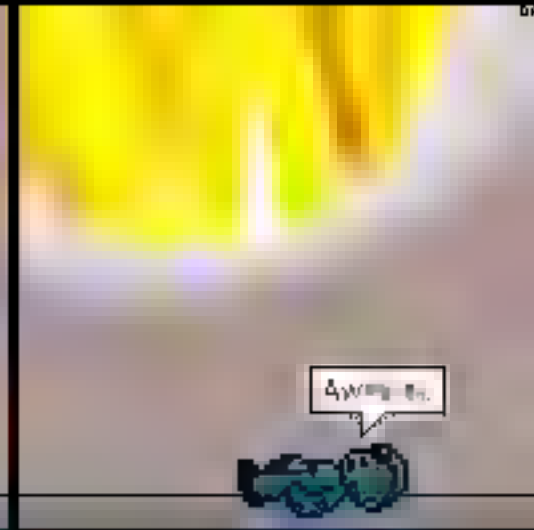
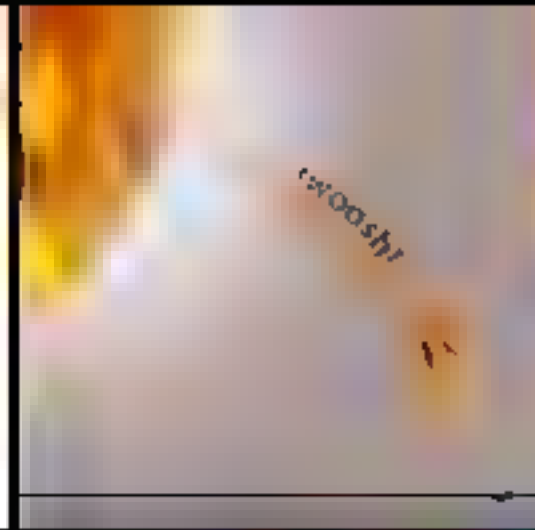
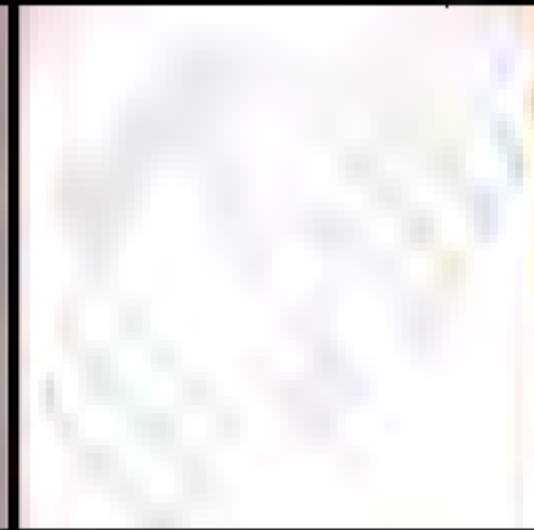
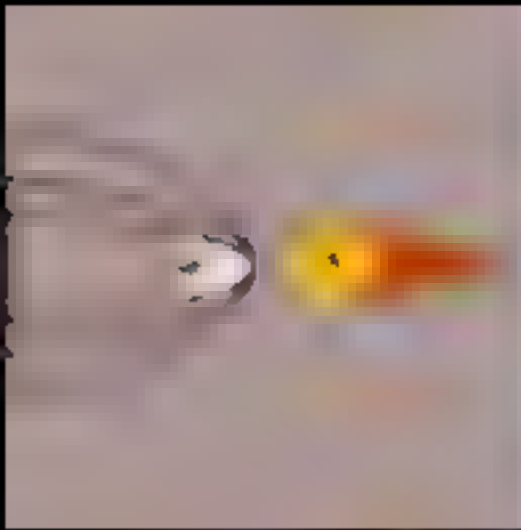


The cavalry...

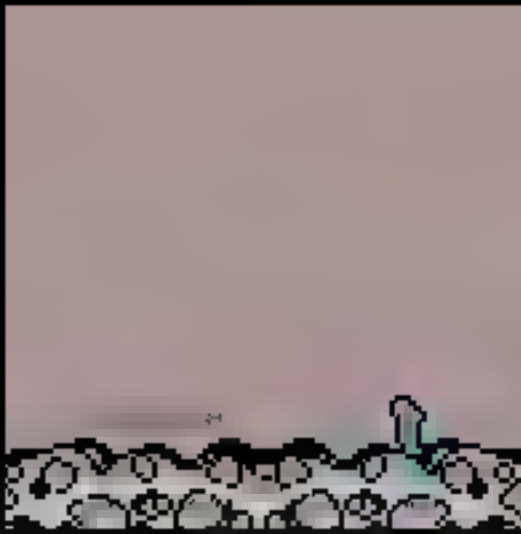


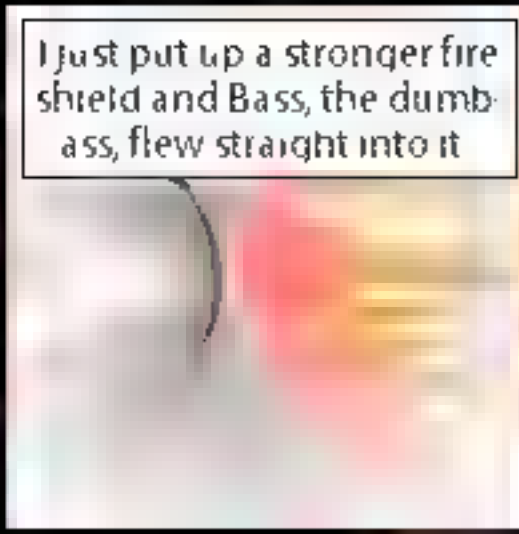
hitting Mach 1









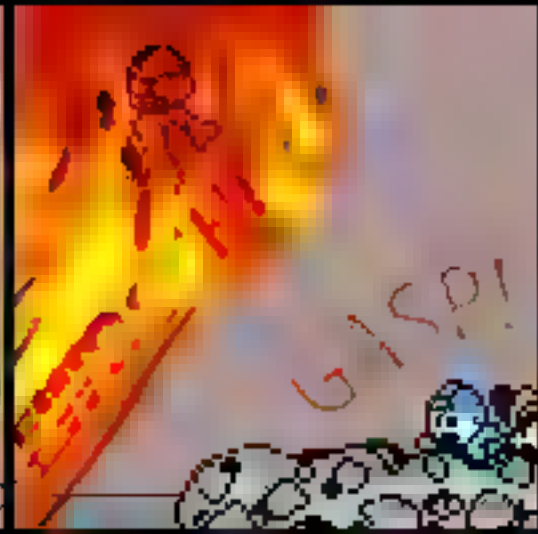


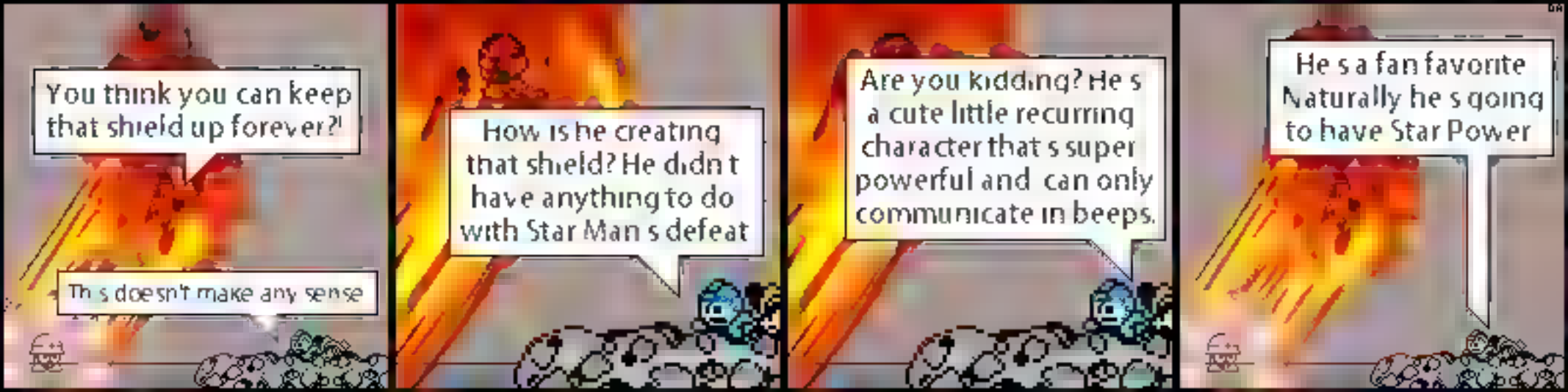
Before I melt you down  
into a metal sludge I just  
want to compliment you

You have been the most  
interesting opponents  
I've had in a long time

For that reason, I've  
decided to make your  
deaths as quick as

You're going to do  
WHAT to my mother?!





You think you can keep that shield up forever?

Th s doesn't make any sense

How is he creating that shield? He didn't have anything to do with Star Man's defeat

Are you kidding? He's a cute little recurring character that's super powerful and can only communicate in beeps.

He's a fan favorite. Naturally he's going to have Star Power



Deep sleep


Why that's a wonderful suggestion, D2 but in case you didn't notice all of our attacks have failed

So unless you have something specific in mind, why don't...

Deep sleep  
Deep sleep  
Deep sleep

Are you insane?  
That'll kill us all

What "Ultimate Attack"?



What's this  
Ultimate Attack?

Remember that plan  
we had but never  
intended to use?

What? That plan?  
Are you insane?

Sure, it might kill Bob,  
but it would definitely kill  
us and would probably  
destroy the entire world.

But, sure why not? I was  
tired of living anyway.

Almost there another  
few seconds and his  
Star Ship will fall...

Wonder Triplet  
Powers Activate

Wait What was that?  
What did you just do?

Um... nothing...

Nothing my ass! I saw  
you do something  
What did you

RUMBLE!

Oh holy shit



Is that what I think it is?

Um... maybe?

How in the hell...?

We used Crystal Man's  
clairvoyance to find it  
Gravity Man's power  
to attract it and Stone  
Man's power to aim it

But that's three  
powers. There are  
only two of you

We found Bass's body

And I can multi-task

Albert, the cage  
is still locked tight  
We can't get out

Damnit I was  
hoping I wouldn't  
have to use this.

But since the fortress  
is destroyed already...

rumble rumble

# GWAR!



Whew We finally made it... hey was Bob's fortress always blown up like this?

# GWAR!

Holy crap Is that Gamma?!

Hey guys, what're you... AAAAAAH  
Giant robot Kill it.

WAAAAAAH

WAAAAAAH

# BLAM!

Hey Quit throwing  
Rans at my robot

Sorry



You [redacted]! How dare you [redacted] throw me at Gamma



How would you [redacted] like it if everyone was using you as [redacted] of [redacted] weapon?



Didn't think about it [redacted]? You don't even [redacted] All you [redacted]'s what [redacted]! Well, [redacted]!



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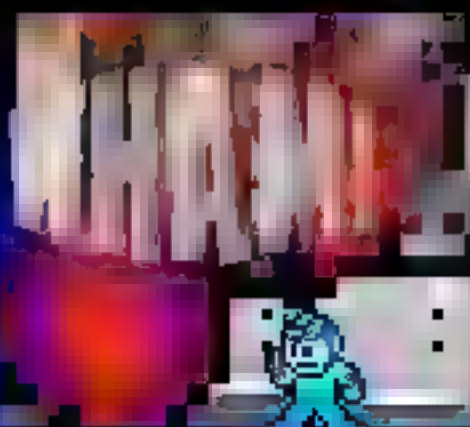
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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]



Yeah, but

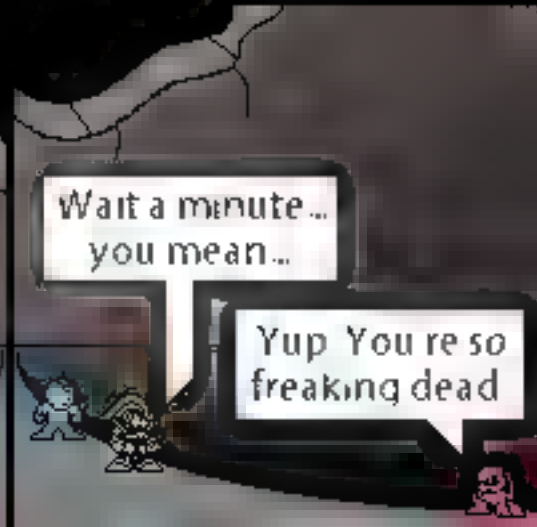
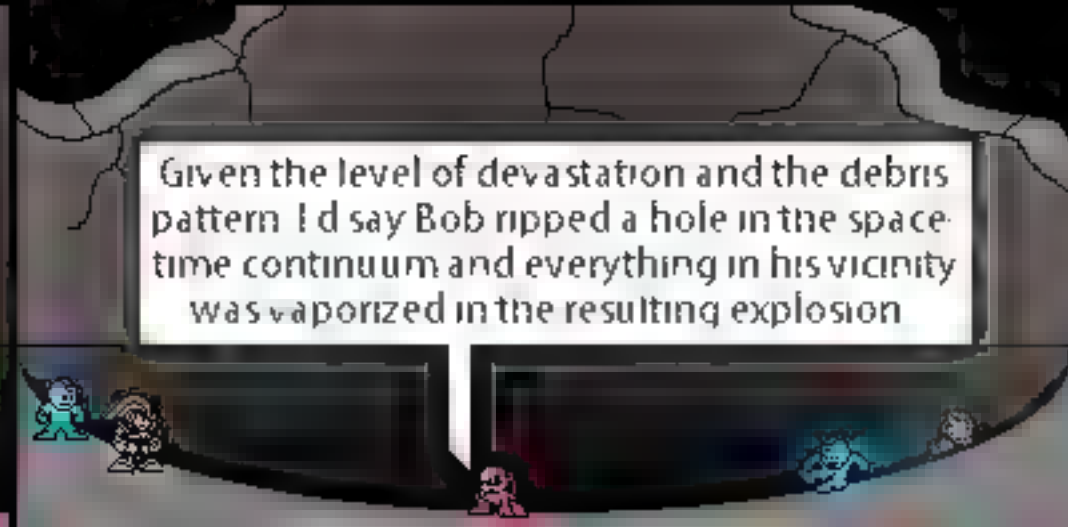
WHAT?! What is it that is so [redacted] important?!



Nevermind







Dead? We can't be dead

If our past selves had been killed then we should have ceased to exist by now

Then again, if we had ceased to exist how would we or anyone else ever know that we had existed in the first place in order to have ceased to exist now?

Hey let's hold off on the paradoxical existentialism. What about time travel? Could our past selves been blown into another time?


I don't think so. My scan didn't find any chronitons, or even any tachyons.

Well that's not good

Wait a sec. You're telling us that Bob apparently ripped a hole in space-time without creating chronitons or tachyons? Is that even possible?

You guys are so stupid. Did you even check the upper theta phi band for quasi-chrono-tachya-bosons?

What? I can make up sciency-sounding words too, ya know



All I'm saying is that  
if you guys can spew  
technobabble so ca

Oh my god... he's right

I'm what?!

There they are. Adjust  
your optical sensors to  
the upper theta phi band

But... but I...

And here I thought they  
were only hypothetical


It's the find of the century

Are you guys just  
making fun of me?

Mega Man. You're  
a certifiable genius.

I hate you guys.

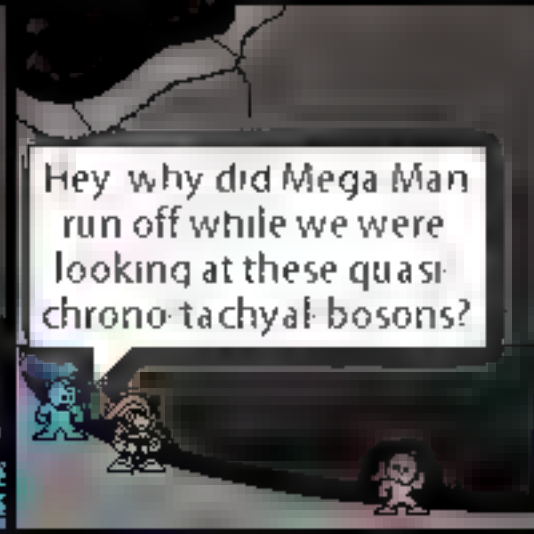


A comic strip panel showing four characters in a dark, cave-like setting. On the left, a green alien with wings and a girl with long brown hair and a flower in it stand together. On the right, a boy with brown hair and a girl with blue hair and a flower in it stand together. A large speech bubble originates from the blue-haired girl. The background is dark grey with jagged, crack-like lines.

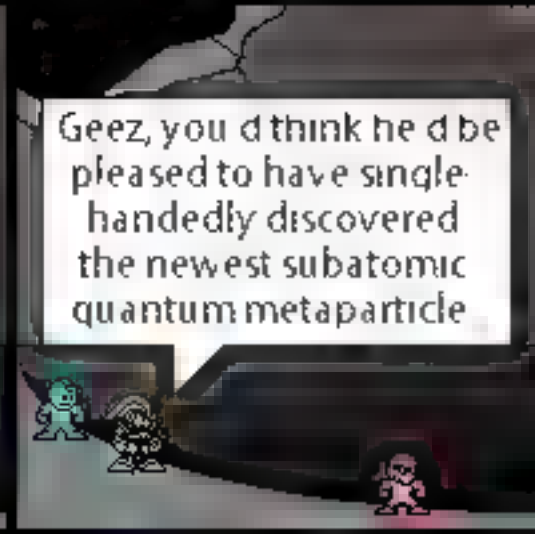
I know I'm an idiot,  
but the least you guys  
could do is not make  
fun of me to my face

A comic strip panel showing the same four characters in the same dark, cave-like setting. A speech bubble originates from the blue-haired girl. The background is dark grey with jagged, crack-like lines.

WAAAAAAAAAH

A comic strip panel showing the same four characters in the same dark, cave-like setting. A speech bubble originates from the blue-haired girl. The background is dark grey with jagged, crack-like lines.

Hey why did Mega Man  
run off while we were  
looking at these quasi-  
chrono-tachya**l**-bosons?

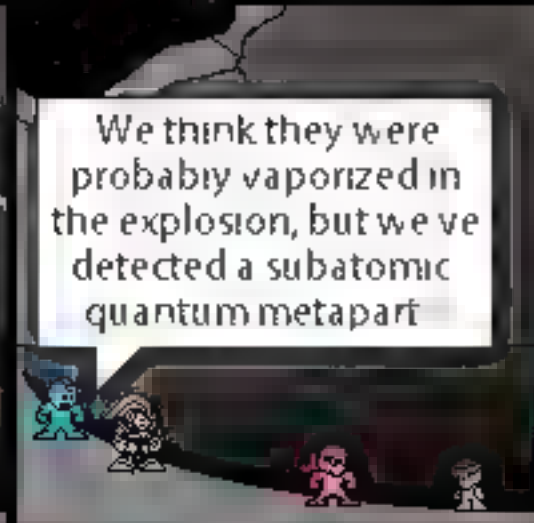
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Geez, you d think he d be  
pleased to have single-  
handedly discovered  
the newest subatomic  
quantum metaparticle

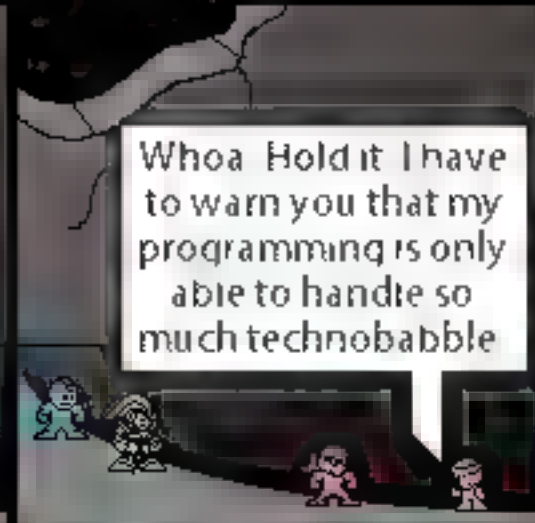


Hey guys: What's going on?

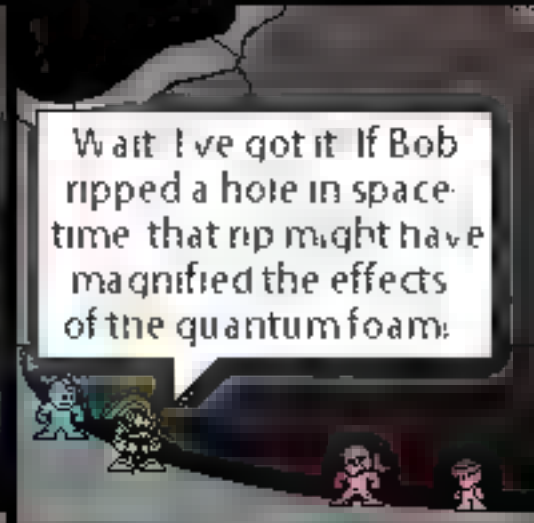
We're trying to figure out what happened to the Present Alternates.



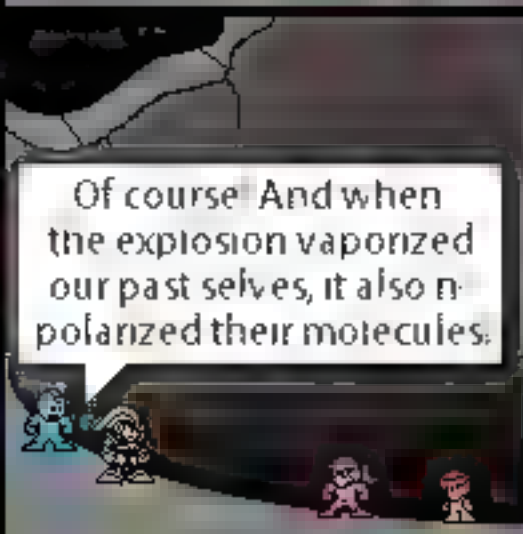
We think they were probably vaporized in the explosion, but we've detected a subatomic quantum metapart



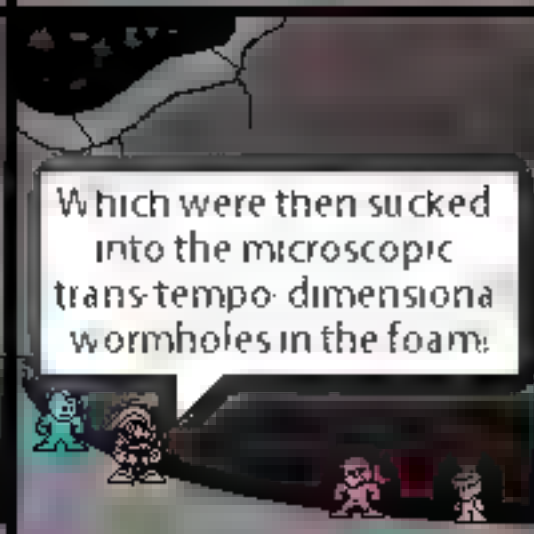
Whoa Hold it I have to warn you that my programming is only able to handle so much technobabble



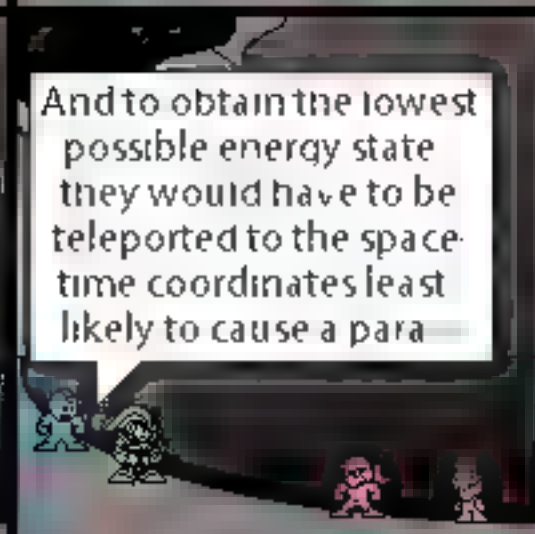
Wait I've got it If Bob ripped a hole in space-time that rip might have magnified the effects of the quantum foam:



Of course And when the explosion vaporized our past selves, it also n-polarized their molecules.



Which were then sucked into the microscopic trans-tempo-dimensional wormholes in the foam:



And to obtain the lowest possible energy state they would have to be teleported to the space-time coordinates least likely to cause a para



BIAM!

Okay so where are they?

The only place  
they could be...

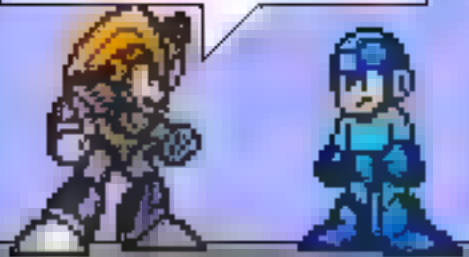
Home

What the hell  
just happened?

I... I can't remember...

But for some reason,  
I really hate time travel

No seriously what happened? I know something happened, but I can't seem to remember what it was.



How do you know something happened? Maybe we just got really drunk last night and passed out



Well, for starters, we're robots and we don't drink. But more importantly...



I don't remember that guy being here





An alternate dimension?  
And the future you say?

Indeed

Well, that would  
certainly explain it



I was watching Mega Man  
burn, and suddenly I was  
here confused but unhurt



Wait, what? If the  
sudden teleportation  
didn't hurt you how d  
you get knocked out?



That stupid met hat  
over there just came  
out of nowhere and  
smacked into me

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D2 You're alive! Where have you been? And how did you get here before us?



Oh, okay that explains it.

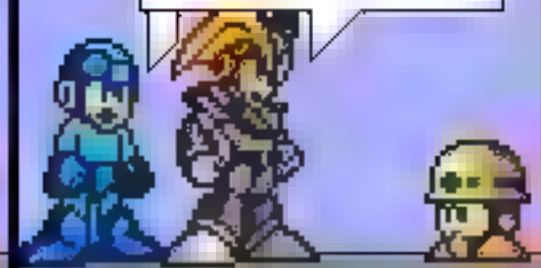


Yes, I'm completely satisfied with that explanation.



Oh, okay that explains it.

Yes, I'm completely satisfied with that explanation.





Wait a minute... how  
can you remember D2?

I don't know. Maybe our  
memories haven't been  
completely erased.



Maybe only parts of  
our memories have  
been erased. Like in  
Quantum Leap.



Oh yeah Quantum Leap  
Man. I loved that show.

Yeah Sam and Al  
were the best I've  
seen all the episodes.



Hey did you see the  
one where... wait what  
were we talking about?

You know...  
I can't remember.





There Dr Willy's  
hand-cuffed and  
ready to go to jail

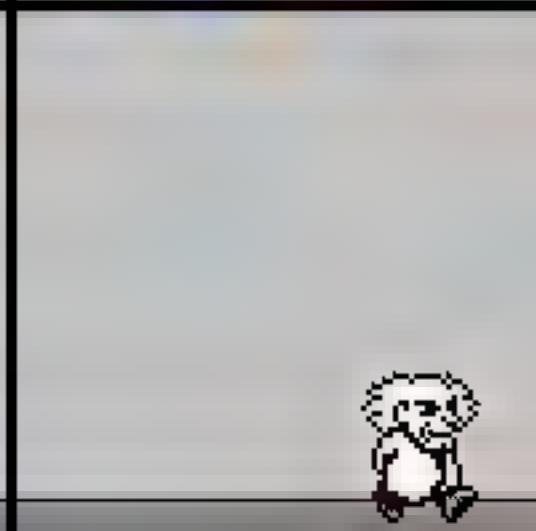
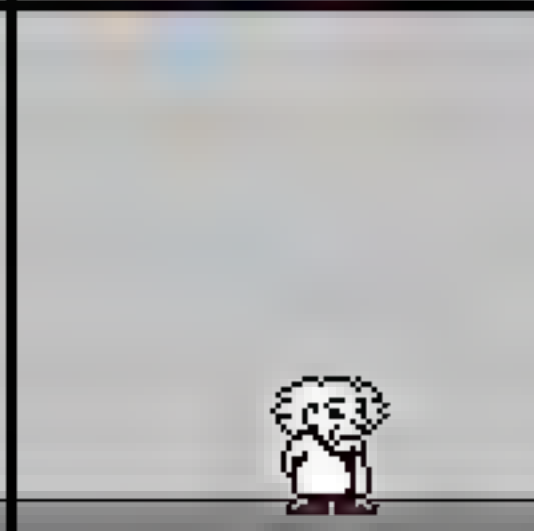
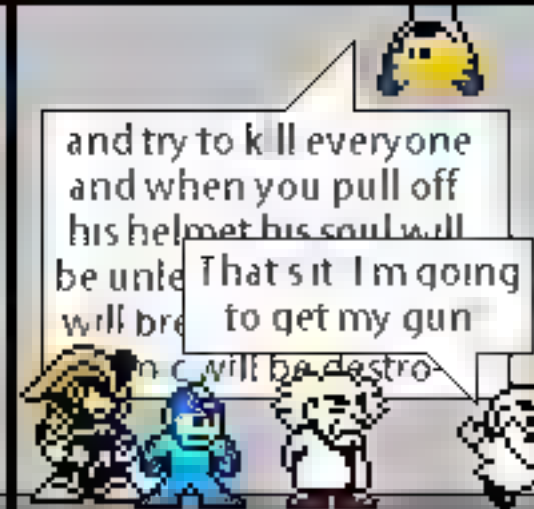
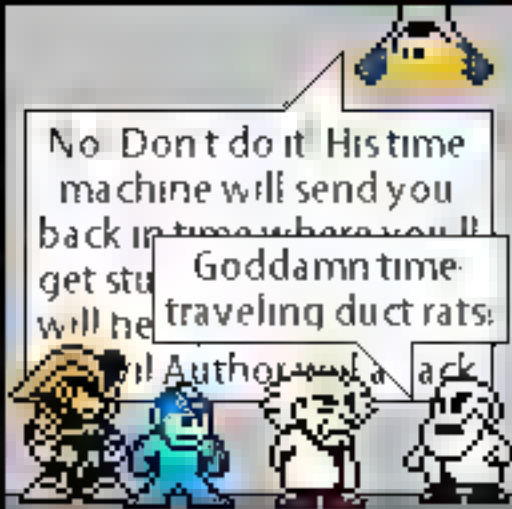
What will you  
two do now?

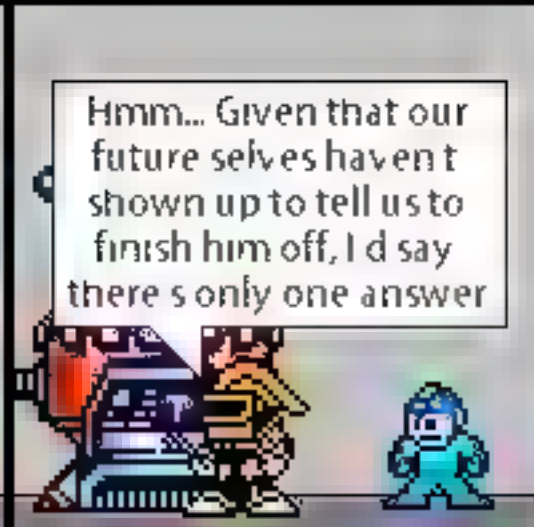
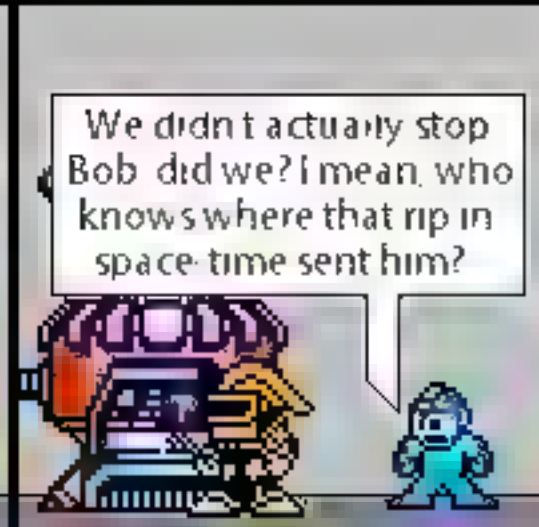
Well, I suppose we'll go  
home back to the future  
but for that we're going  
to need a time machine

Hey I could build a  
time machine. Then  
you could use mine

NO!! DON'T DO IT!







WINKY TINKY BOB

Jgh... what?



Where... where am I?

YOU'RE DEAD.



So m nne?

Not EXACTLY



Heaven?

YEAH RIGHT YOU?



What's going on?

WELL YOU SEE YOUR GLASS  
IS COVERED FOR SOME  
TIME WITH CRACKS INSTANTLY



Oh yeah remember  
destroyed an asteroid

YES AND IN DOING  
SO HEVOTHE VIA  
THE M. (M) OF PEOP



Oh crap Does that  
make me a hero?

NOT EXACTLY SINCE YOU'RE  
ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR  
A LITTLE INTERVIEW IN  
THE ROCKMAN UNIVERSE.



That wasn't my fault  
Those damn Alternates  
messed with my plaster

MERE TECHNICITIES



REGRETLESS OF HOW  
MANY PEOPLE YOU MIGHT  
HAVE SHOT YOURSELF A NO  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH  
OF SCORES OF PEOPLE

Not lately



WHEAT ABOUT THE ROCKMOUNT  
UNIVERSITY & DR. W. V.  
H. THE THE FORTRESS  
WHEAT YOU BELIEVE IT



Yeah, but he was ev  
[Don't get some spec a  
consideration for that?



ARE YOU SUGGESTING YOU'  
WANT TO GO TO HAVANA?

Not at a ... must  
defending myself



REGARDLESS OF THE  
 IT MARKED PLACE FOR YOU.  
 AND RHYTHM TO  
 THE DEBATE STILL RAGES ON  
 THE STATE OF ROBOT SOULS.



Robot souls? What  
 the hell does that have  
 to do with anything?



WELL BOB YOU DID  
 KNOW ONLY 8.000 75  
 MILLION OF THEM TO  
 THEIR DEATHS IN THIS  
 LATEST STORYLINE



Oh crap That's gonna  
 cost me brownie points.



So what happens now?

POW! POW YOU SPEND  
THE REST OF YOUR LIFE



Why I'm not an  
Is But a little you?

Who's that?

WIL. TO ONE



What do you need  
in one? What have  
you been telling him?

Nothing



Jesus, I can't  
leave you alone  
for a minute





What? He said you  
were dead? You're like your  
mother, wondering what



No, you're not dead  
You're just stuck in a  
subspace rift. And so are



For all eternity.

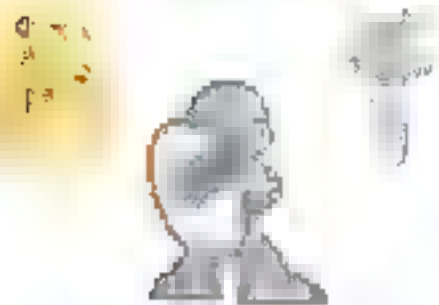
And us.



And so this she



We have the ability  
to create things from  
nothing so  
you won't starve

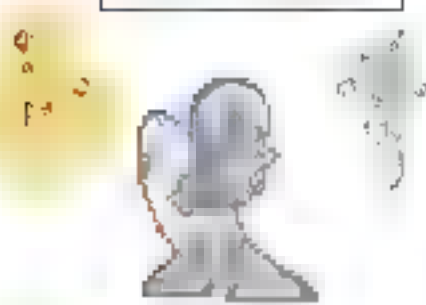


THE CAP ALSO CREATE  
THINGS ALL KINDS BUT THE  
CAP IS THE ONLY ONE OF HIS



I am not just done here

What a minute...



KNOW

And now we return you to  
your regularly scheduled  
storyline, already in progress.





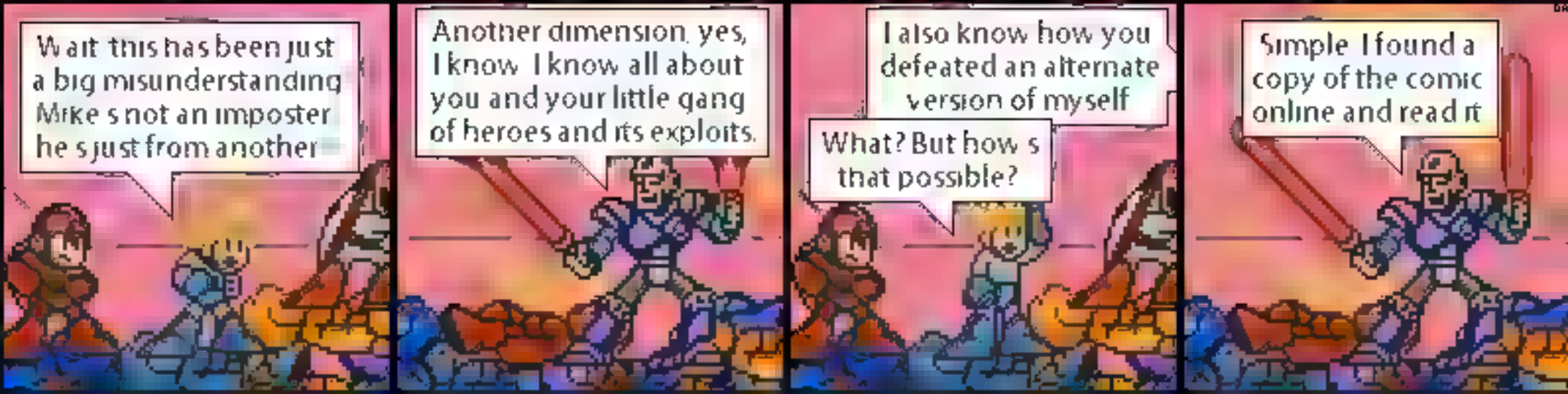
Wait this has been just  
a big misunderstanding  
Mike's not an imposter  
he's just from another

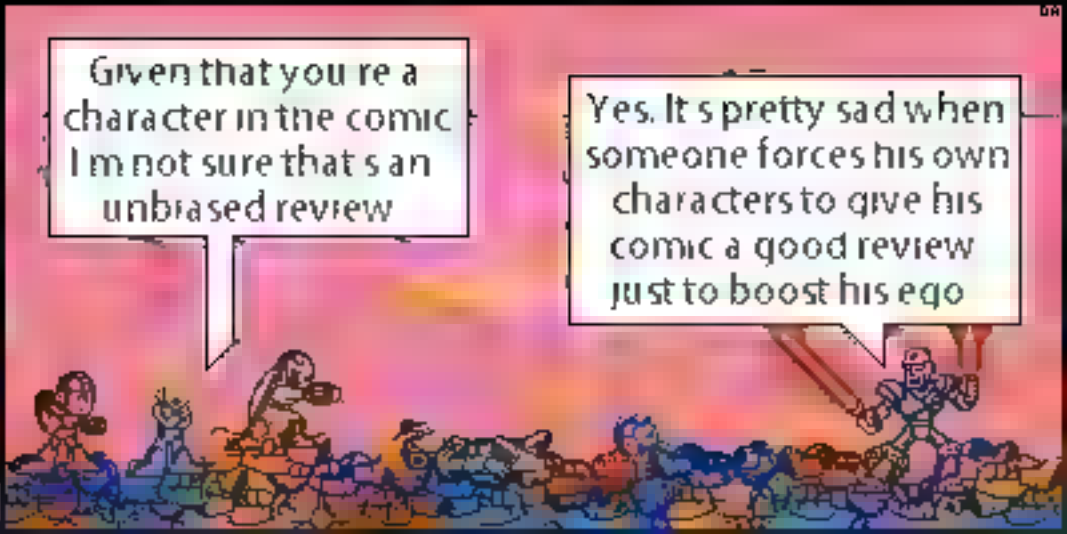
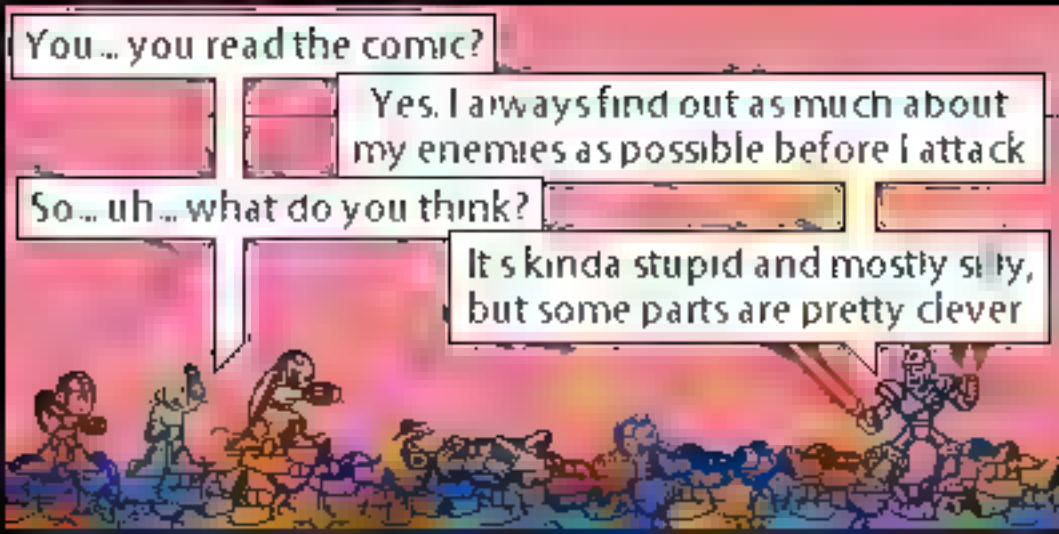
Another dimension, yes,  
I know I know all about  
you and your little gang  
of heroes and its exploits.

I also know how you  
defeated an alternate  
version of myself

What? But how's  
that possible?

Simple I found a  
copy of the comic  
online and read it





LOOK, just give me Mike  
and I'll let you all live  
It's really that simple

Having read the comic,  
you must realize that as  
a protector of humanity  
cannot let you kill Mike

What about all of  
these n-n-j-a-bod-e's  
we're standing on?

Um... they're sleeping

Fine So Proto Man has  
decided to die What  
about you George?

Well you stand aside and let  
me deal with the imposter  
or do you want to die too?

George

George

What? I'm thinking



Why should I risk my  
life for a secondary  
character that I never  
spend any time with?

Who even cares what  
happens to him? Did  
anyone miss him when  
he fell off that cliff?

Besides Nate, a much  
better character, and if  
you didn't notice he's  
sprattered all over the wall!

I mean, he doesn't like  
ice cream. Why the hell  
is he even in this comic?

Sorry about that Merv  
gets a little feisty around  
Christmas. Are you okay?

feel icky

What the hell's going on?

Oh, it's just a break for New  
Years. You get used to it.

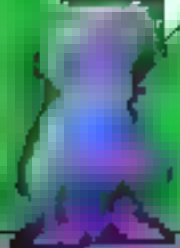
So, where are we in this story line?

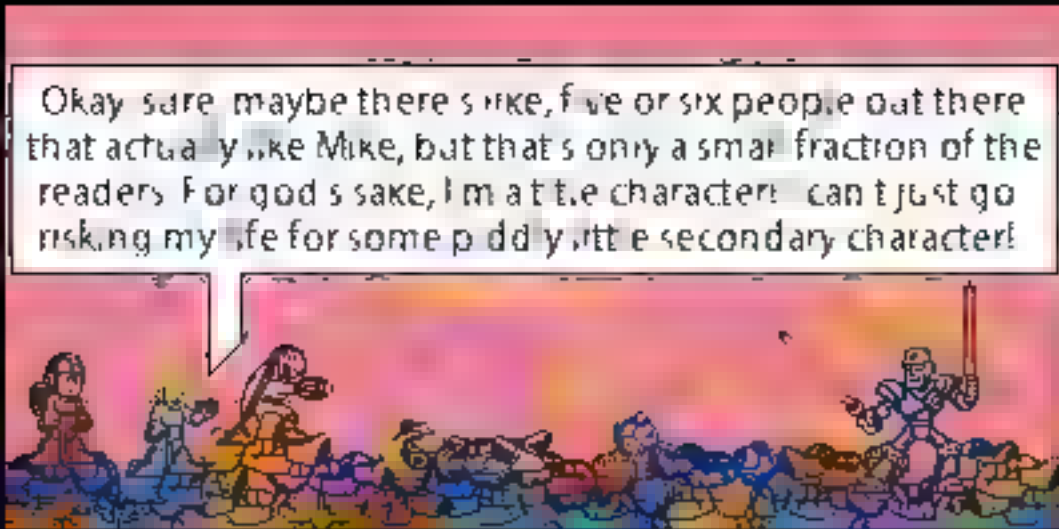
We might be dead... but  
I always figured the afterlife  
would have better beer.

Are you ever coming  
back to the comic?

I have to come back for  
my revenge, don't I?

Why doesn't anyone love me?!





A.I. m saying is that you  
can t expect me to go  
around saving peop e  
don t care about tha

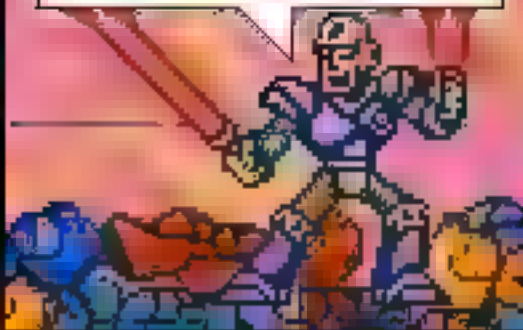
George, refresh my  
memory What d d  
you do back in your  
home d mens on?

What? You know  
wa s a super her...

Oh, god damn it, fine

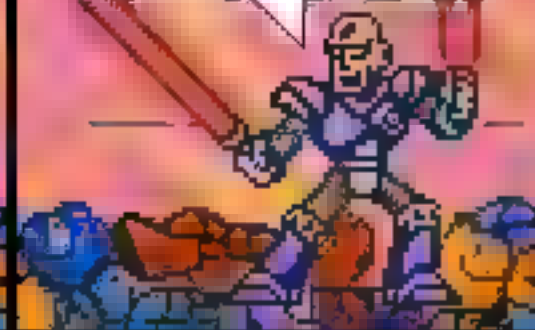


You must realize by now  
that thanks to the comic,  
I know all of your tricks  
and moves... save one



And that is?

How did you defeat  
my army of ninjas?



Why should we tell you?  
What do we get out of it?

You'll get to live for  
another ten minutes.

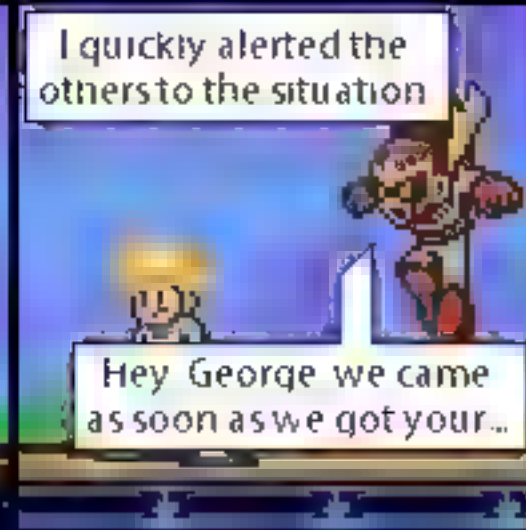


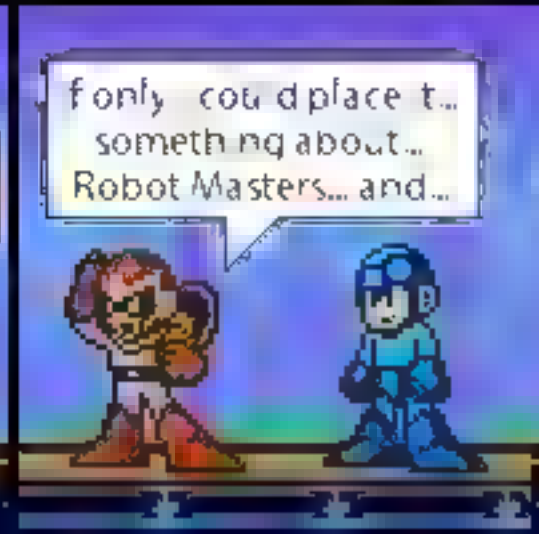
Sounds good to me

Go on Tell him:











Oh, now I remember  
This is like that situation  
with those Robot Masters  
all those years ago

Really? What happened?

Hmm... should I really  
tell him that his brother  
somehow ended up  
in the past and tried to  
take over the world?

And that in the end  
he was apparently killed  
in a giant explosion?

You know the usual

Oh yeah, like *that*  
narrows it down

What did you do last time this happened?

Long story short, we nuked 'em all

But, those were robots. These are living people and as a robot designed to protect all humanity I can't let them be killed

So non-lethal, huh? Well, I suppose I could just do a low-current mass electrocution

It won't kill them?

Nope. It won't kill, but it'll sure hurt like hell

No problem. Go for it

That's it? You told me  
that whole story and all  
you did was zap them?

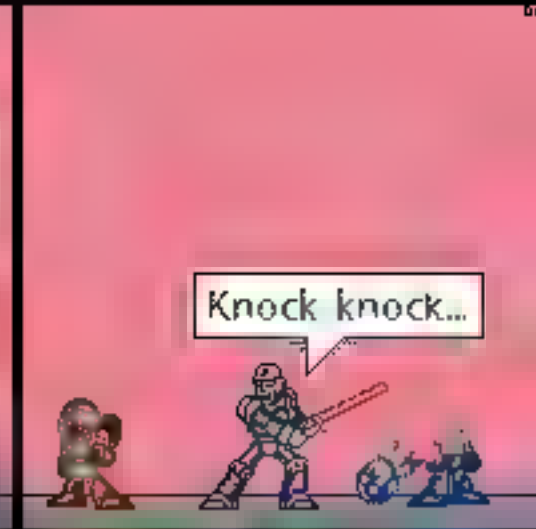
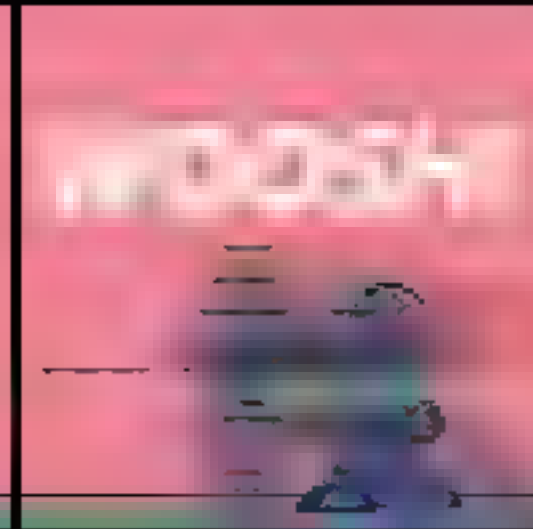
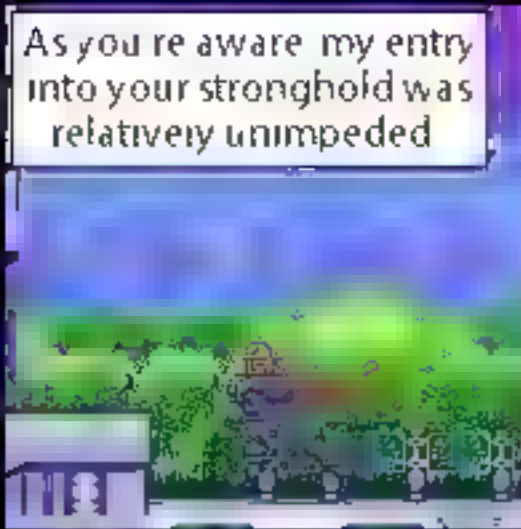
Well... yeah I thought  
the whole point of telling  
you that was to stall

In fact in the interest  
of stalling, perhaps you  
can tell us a story Like,  
how did you defeat  
Chadling and Nate?

Fine Just one story  
and then it's time to  
sleep... for eternity...

Oh no! Are you our  
worst nightmare

Are you gonna make our day?



Greetings Proto Man  
My name is Mynd  
and I'm here to...

Hold on a second...



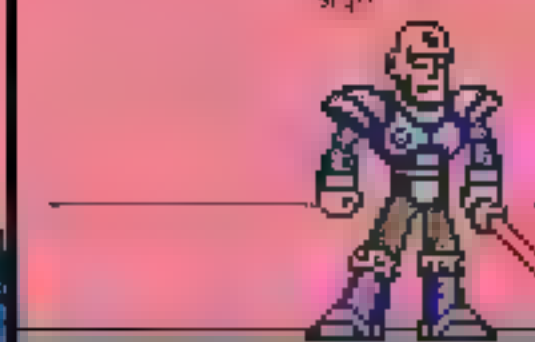
What I want to know is  
how Mega Man's arms are  
still attached to his body  
after you cut him in half

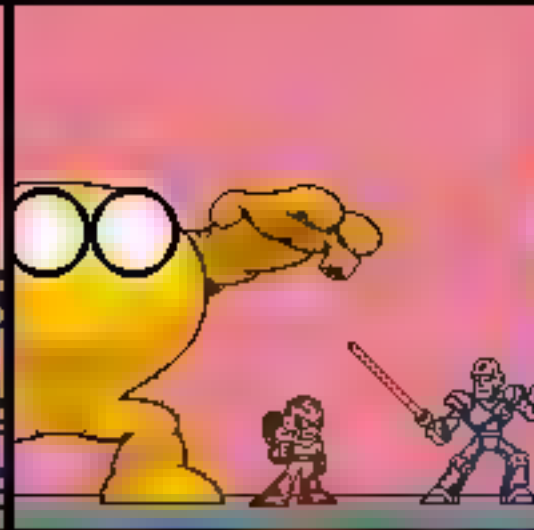
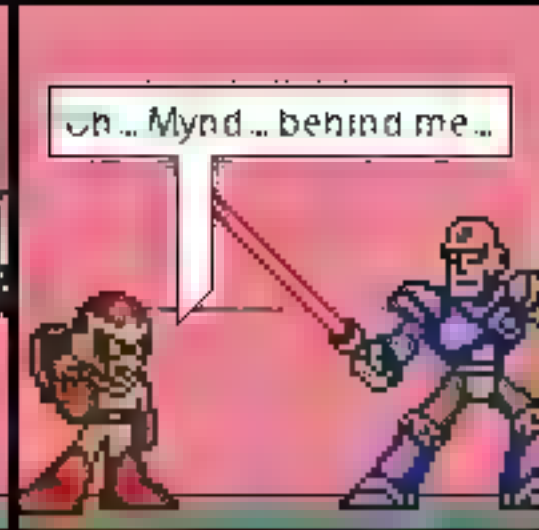
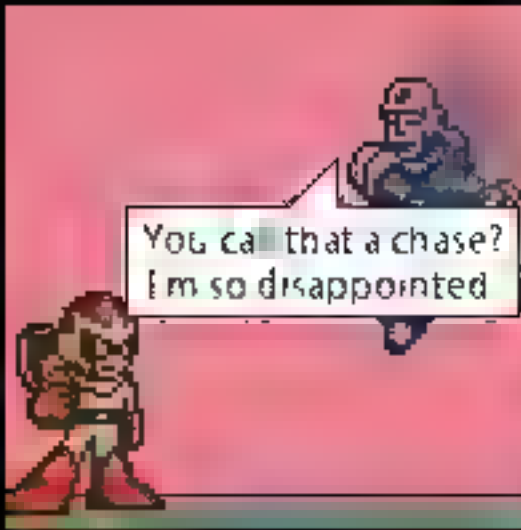


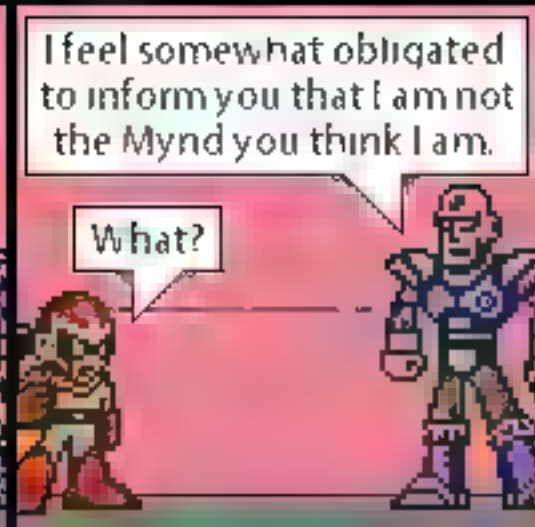
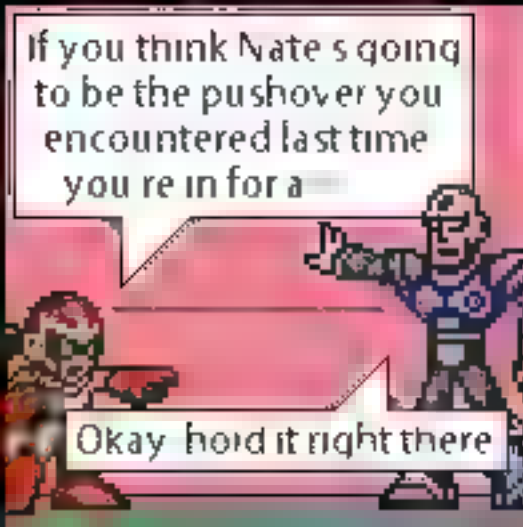
You know that's a  
good question It's  
almost as if... wait...

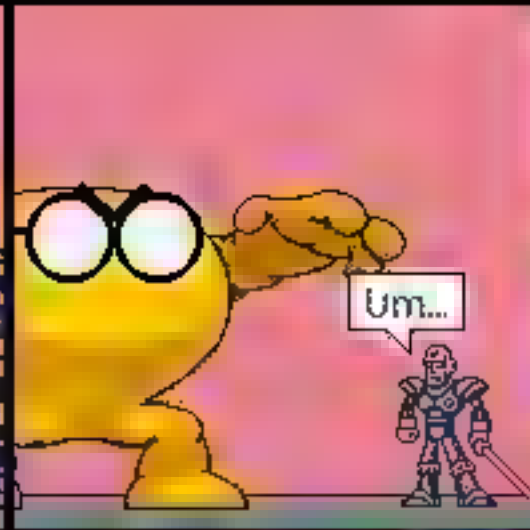


\*Sigh\*

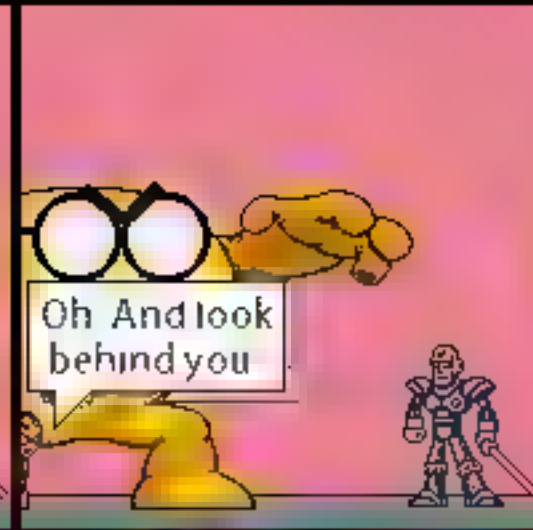
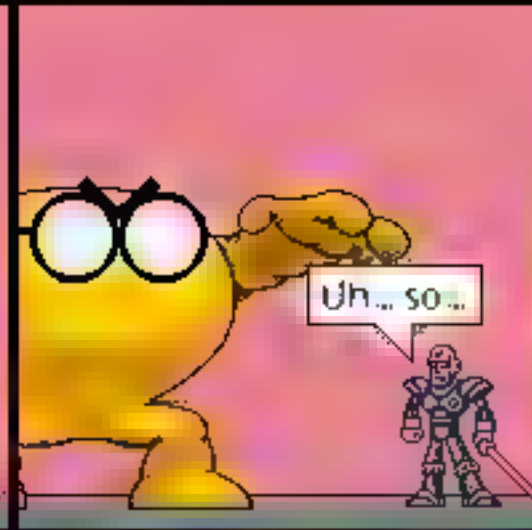


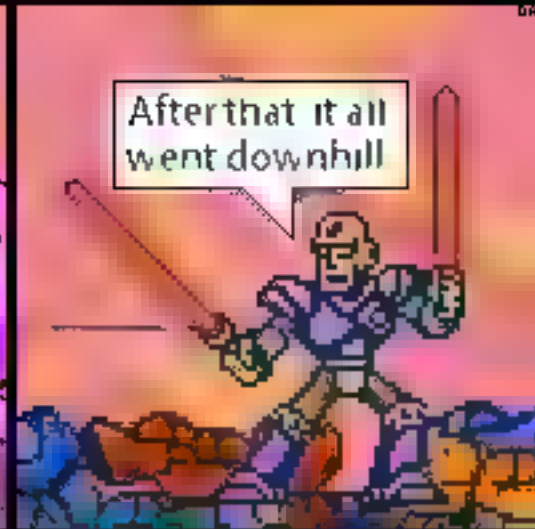
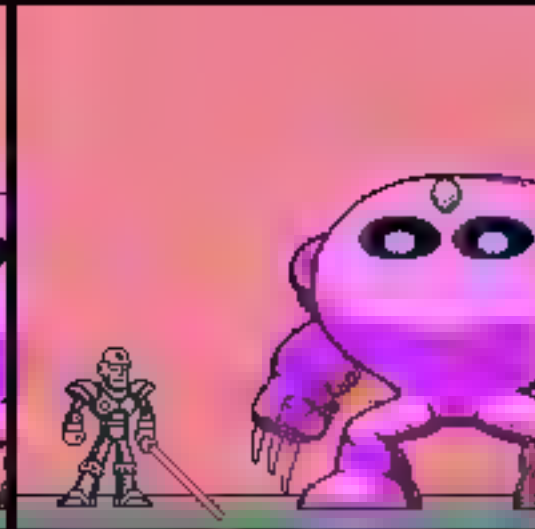








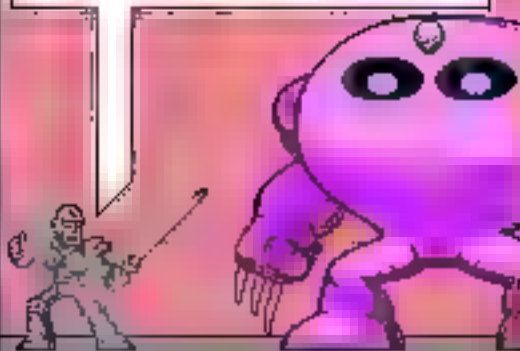




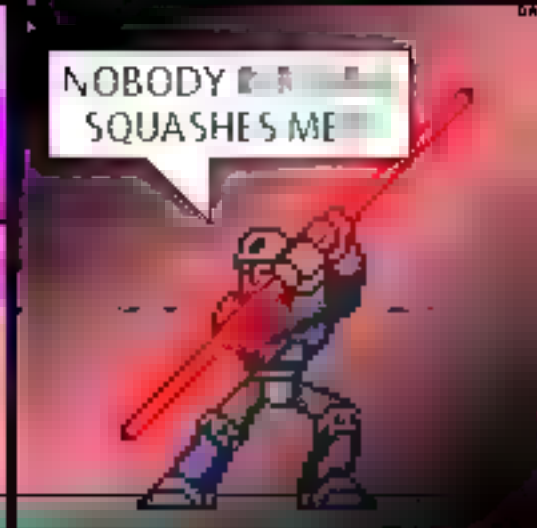
While I had no initial intention of hurting Nate or Chadinq, once they attacked, I had no choice but to destroy them.



Now that you've attacked me I feel obligated to tell you that now I must





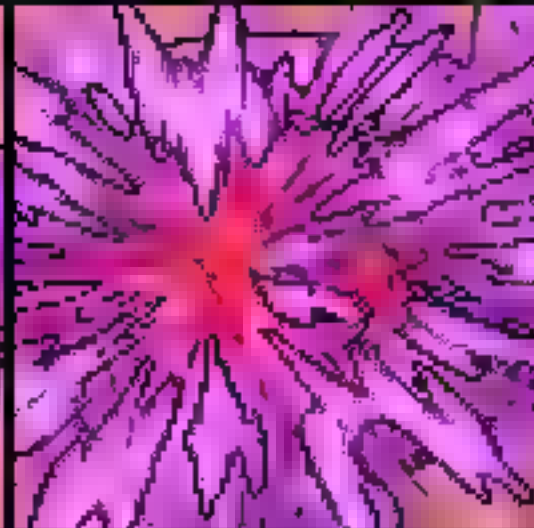


NOBODY SQUASHES ME

Naruto: Contrary to what the previous battle scenes may have suggested, I am actually quite a dangerous fighter...

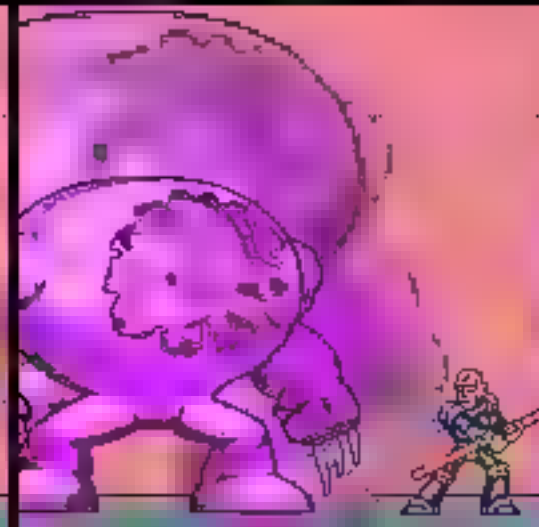


Especially when angry over being squashed

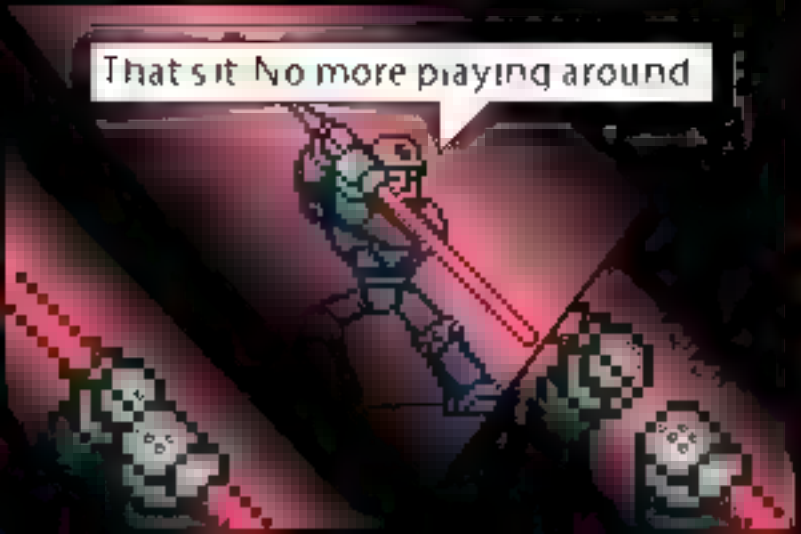


And that's how I got Chadling up my nose





That's it No more playing around



This ends now





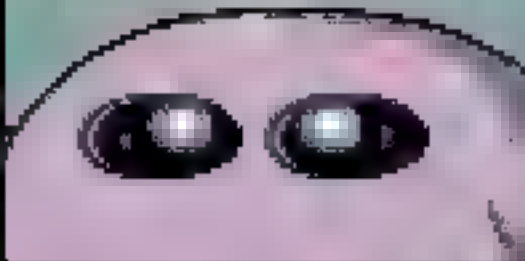
Well no, not te.

When I had told Proto Man that I hadn't fought any Yellow Demons, that was technically correct

I do however, have some experience with demons in general. Like the other Mynd, I also once had my own purple demon.

Bad Chadling. Bad demon. Put down the Dipping Dots booth.

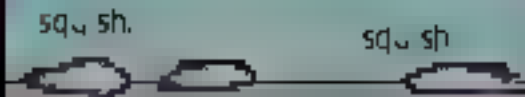
Unlike my counterpart though, I didn't have the foresight to include a self-destruct power gem in my creation



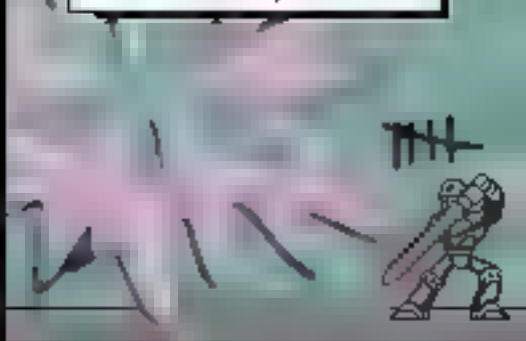
When Chadling finally turned on me I had to devise a unique method for destroying demons...



And while it wasn't until he'd reformed five times before I finally learned how to properly dispose of the gooey remains...



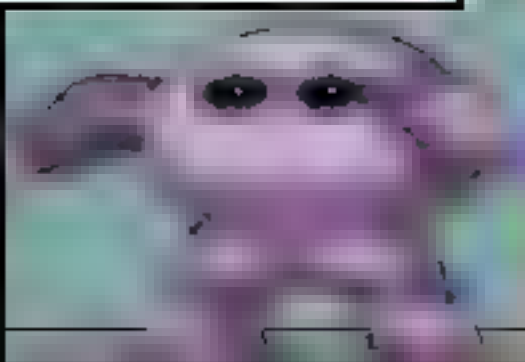
I was pretty good at destroying demons by then...



There are several methods for destroying demons, but I've found one of the easiest is to just use a little constructive interference



By setting my beam saber to match the demon's natural frequency I can set up an internal resonance within the demon, causing it to self-destruct



The hard part is getting the demon to impale itself on my beam saber...



What was that noise?  
It sounded like a couple  
of... oh holy crap...

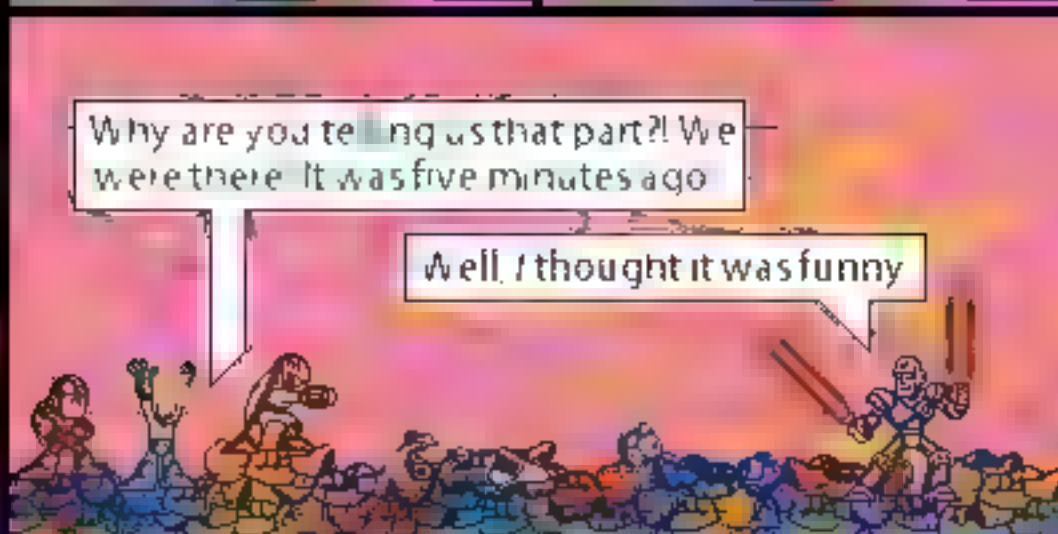
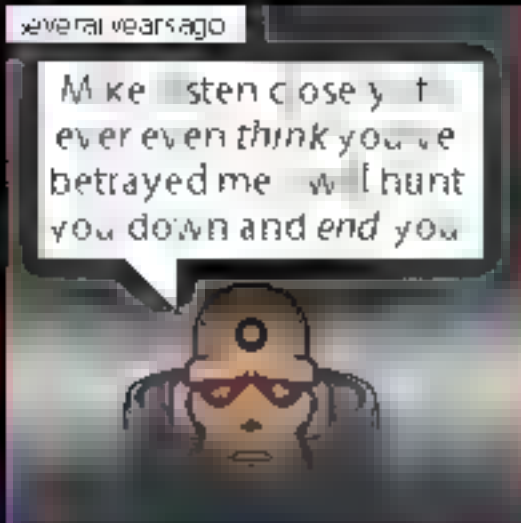


no-click!



Do you have any idea  
how pissed Roll's gonna  
be when she sees what  
you did to her walls?





Well I guess it's time  
I quit stalling and got  
around to killing you

Hold on Is that offer  
to spare our lives if we  
turn Mike over to you  
still on the table?

I suppose... but...

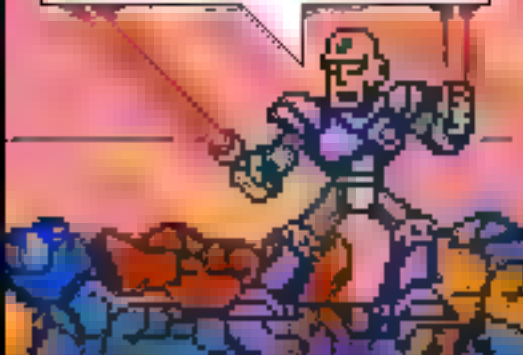
Great I vote Mike dies

What?!

Sorry, Mike but you've  
been voted off the island



I hate to be a prick  
but I don't really believe  
you either Proto Man



I think I've read enough of the comic to know that  
this is obviously some sort of trick designed to lull  
me in a false sense of security, giving you enough  
time to spring your next attack against me



Is not.





Look it's simple. Regardless of what humans think of us robots, we're still just emotionless computers.



No matter how personable I might seem, underlying that "personality" is nothing more than the logical subroutines and algorithms of a program. And the logic of this situation dictates that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few... or the one.



And unfortunately for Mike, he's the one.

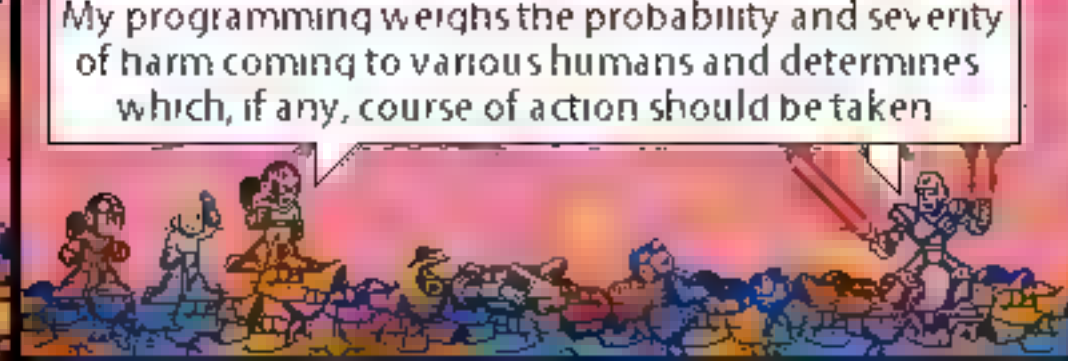


Hold on Proto Man is your core programming roughly based on the Three Laws?



Yes, roughly

Don't those laws dictate that you can't allow a human being to come to harm through action or inaction?



My programming weighs the probability and severity of harm coming to various humans and determines which, if any, course of action should be taken

And right now Mike my programming's got 5 to 1 odds against you



So if you're bound by the Three Laws, you're obligated to do whatever a human tells you, right?

I guess, technically ...

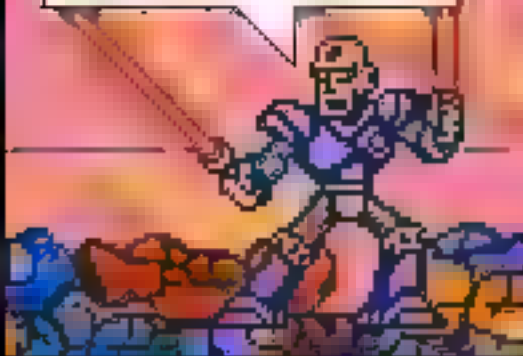
Then I order you to tell me truthfully whether or not this is all some scheme to lure me into a trap

Okay This is definitely not some scheme to lure you into a trap

Mynd's human?

have no idea.

All right Proto Man I believe you Now get away from Mike



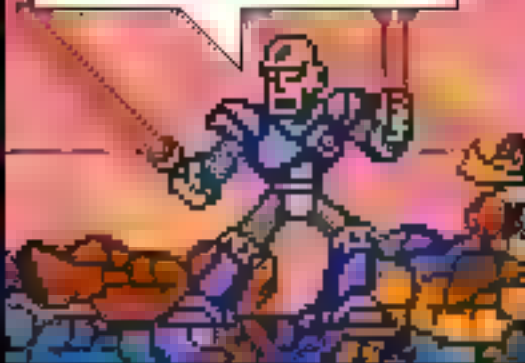
George the decision now turns to you Are you going to make the wise decision like Proto Man and turn your back on Mike or would you prefer to throw your life away in a futile attempt to stop me from what you know I'm going to do anyway? I remind you that without Proto Man's aid, you stand even less of a chance than before



Can I use a lifeline?



Enough of this stalling  
George Make your  
decision already



But I can't finish stalling  
until Proto Man's ready  
to spring his trap



What?!



What?!



Very clever, Proto Man...  
or should I say Protean?

I honestly did not expect you to be able  
to lie straight faced to me, nor did I expect  
Nate to be able to regenerate so quickly  
It appears I may have underestimated you

I hear underestimation  
is the leading cause of  
death among super  
villains these days.

I can't help but notice  
Mynd, that while you  
are armed with only  
your two beam sabers...

I appear to be armed  
with something in the  
neighborhood of six  
thousand missiles.

Not to mention that  
those six thousand can  
be regenerated by Nate

You know you're right  
This hardly seems  
sporting Perhaps if I put  
one of my sabers away...





There we go Now then  
give me your best shot

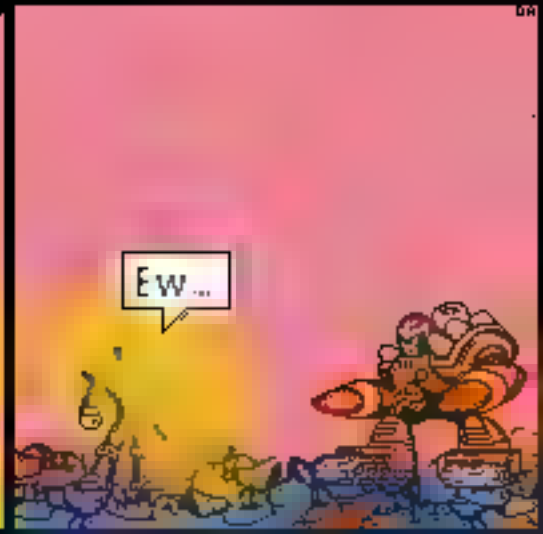
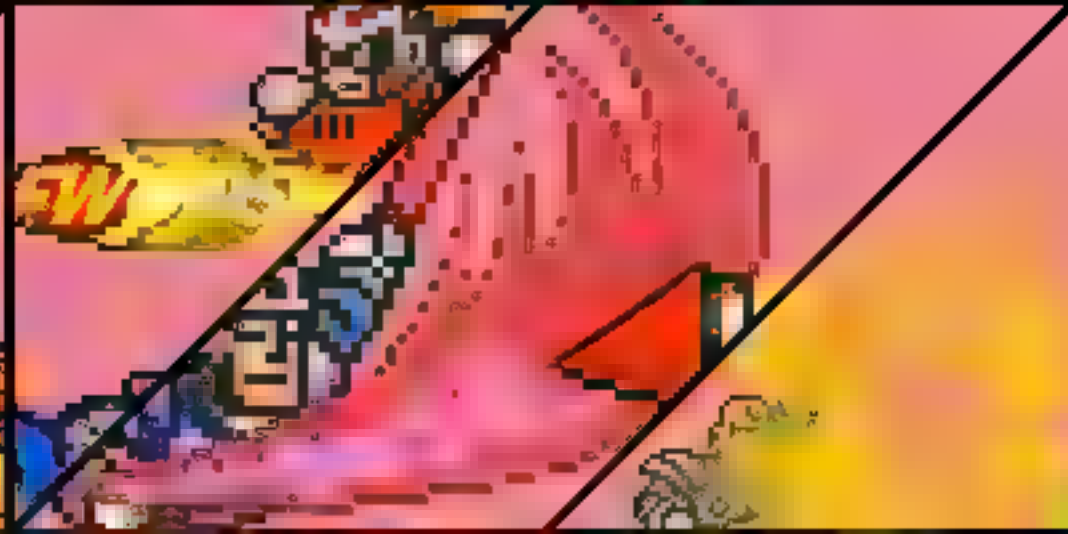
You've got to be kidding

At first we thought you  
were just overconfident  
like your alternate but  
this is just pure insanity

Vengeance is one thing,  
but this is just stupid Is  
this worth the risk that  
we may be scraping you  
off the wall tomorrow?

You know I bet if you  
devoted more energy  
to those missiles instead  
of your mouth, this battle  
would be over by now





You know last time I checked, explosive devices still explode when hit by weapons, even beam sabers.

Normally they would but this beam saber is still tuned to Nate's natural resonant frequency. When it comes in contact with anything made from Nate, even explosive missiles, it causes them to instantly dissolve.

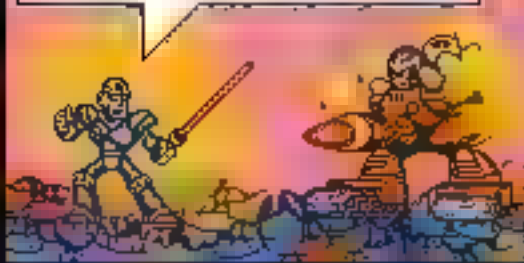
So instead of being hurt by an explosion I'm only lightly covered in what smells vaguely of cheese.



Nate comments that if we simply fire enough missiles at you simultaneously you can't possibly hit them all before they hit you first

That may be true but I think you would be hard pressed to fire more missiles at the same time than I could... possibly...

Well, I always did enjoy a challenge



You realize of course that  
a single missile isn't nearly  
enough to take me down

Like my alternate I have  
shielding that protects  
me from such attacks.

Your pathetic missile  
attacks haven't done  
any real damage at all

You realize of course  
that that was never  
actually the point

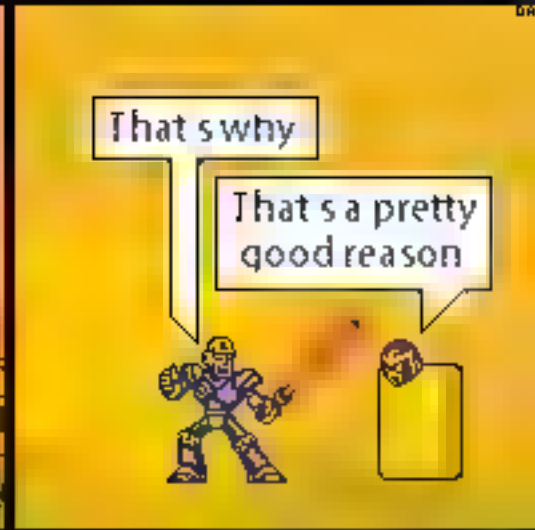
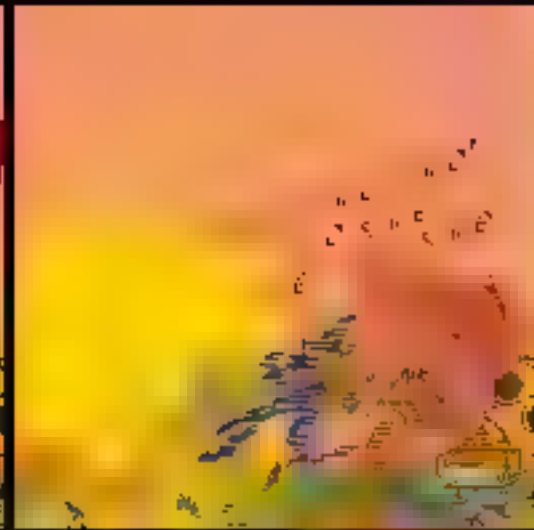
urk!

You hear that? That's the  
sound of one hand slowly  
crushing you to death

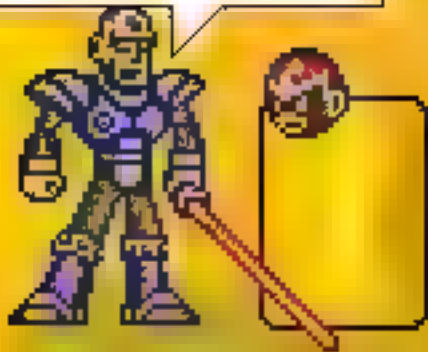
Is... is that why... why  
you haven't... ack...  
reloaded your missiles?

Good guess. Nate's using  
the material from the  
spent missiles to kill you

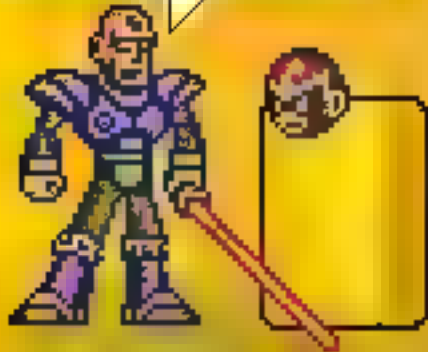
Quite an elaborate  
trap eh, Mr Bond?  
If only I could reach  
my utility belt...



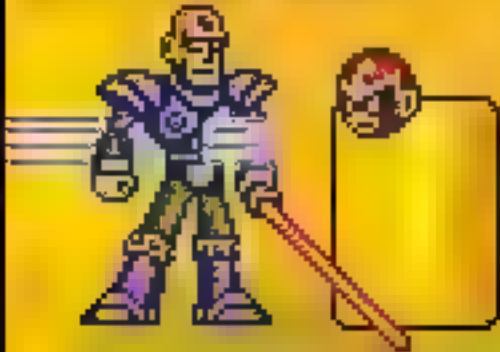
Proto Man, though you  
have proven yourself  
a worthy adversary...



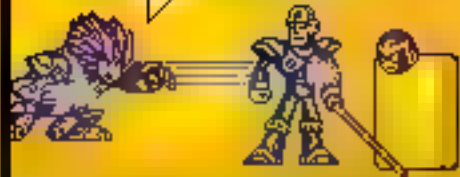
I'm afraid it's time to  
end our relationship

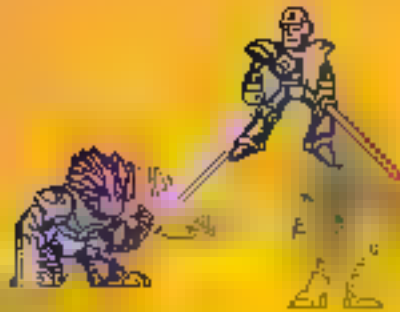


**Ka-CHUNK!**



Oh, I'm sorry  
Were you done?





Fancy meeting  
you here





This may seem like  
an odd question,  
but who are you?



Isn't it obvious? I'm the merging of George  
and Chadling. You can call me Charge.



Oh yeah



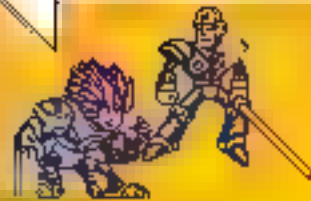
I'm in trouble aren't I?



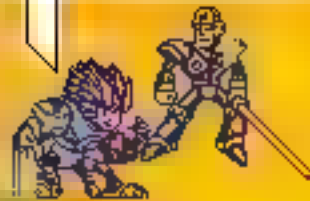
But how? How is this possible? Demons can't merge with humans!



Funny story Remember in the comic when Chadling exploded after eating that poisoned ice cream? Yeah, turns out I inhaled so much of him, his protoplasm bonded to my cellular DNA and now we can merge



It's nice, except for the doubly intense ice cream cravings.



So now what? Are we going to keep fighting until one of us dies?



Hopefully not though I will have to dissuade you from using your beam saber any more



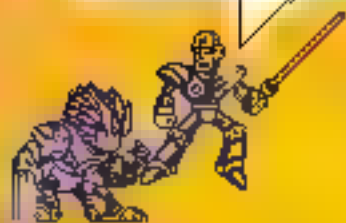
And how exactly do you propose to do that?



If you think...



...this is going to ...



...stop me you re...



Okay, I might be willing to compromise



What kind of compromise?

How about if you put me down I won't kill you?



What? Am I missing something here?

Indeed you are



Did you not know that I am one of the... foremost... ninja in the...



Hey do you think you could put me down? It's hard to be dramatic when you're impaled



Just so we're clear on this, I'm only putting you down because the odds are overwhelmingly against you and I think watching you struggle against them is funny



Ha ha You fool  
Have you forgotten  
already? I have a  
second beam saber

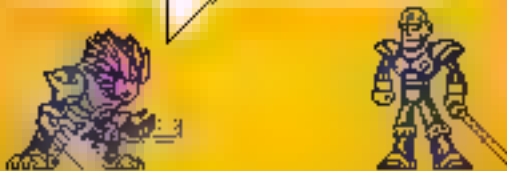


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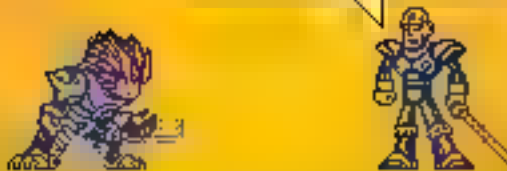
You're supposed  
to feel threatened



So you've got a second  
beam saber Big deal  
Besides, I think there's  
something that you  
have clearly forgotten



Oh? What's that?



# SLASH!



I'm a hyperactive  
charged-up Slash Man  
recolor merged with  
a lightning god



That may be but  
I know something  
you don't know



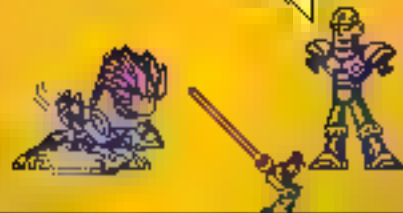
I'm not left handed



SLASH!

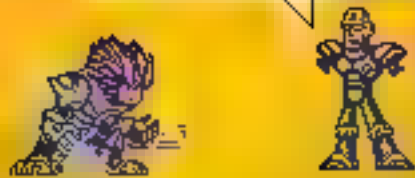


Balls.





Hah Even without  
my arms, my ninja  
skills are still more  
than enough to



# SLASH!



Are you done yet?



No Never



What are you gonna  
do bleed on me?!



If that's what it takes.



Have at you

Get off me, you freak

Let him go

RAWR



Hey Everyone  
I have wonderful...



What in b oody hell  
is going on up here?!



I said, what is  
going on here?!

Uh... well... Mynd  
was attacking and...



Is that any excuse  
to make this kind  
of mess in my lab?!



But he was trying  
to kill Mike

Yeah I was

That's no exc



Are those tank  
treads on that ninja?



Are these ninjas dead?

No just unconscious.



Are you sure?

Yeah. George knocked them out earlier with a low level electric current



I dunno They look pretty dead to me And they kinda look like they've been dead for months...



THEY'RE UNCONSCIOUS



Whatever just get  
this mess cleaned up  
And where's Roll?

Oh, she's dead



What?!

Yeah, she died a while  
ago I guess I forgot



How the bloody hell  
could you just forget  
something like that?!



Given what's been  
going on, I suppose  
I just didn't think it  
was that important



Well what the hell happened to her?

Well it all started shortly before the end of the last storyline...



Roll and I were out fo



Hold it right there

Forget the flashback just give me the short version

Oh, okay Um, she was killed by ninjas.



Oh yeah those were mine Sorry my bad



Just forget it I don't care anymore Go get her corpse and bring it back to my lab



God Can't you bloody robots go one full year without being killed or destroyed or something?!



I swear to God, if I have to fix one more bloody robot I might just sell it for scrap metal instead



Now where's Mega Man?!

Um...



ARRRGH That's it I'm  
going back downstairs!



George and Chadung,  
you two bring Mega Man  
with, and then split up



Proto Man get yourself  
out of that block of Nate  
and take what's left of  
Mynd to the dungeon



And for God's sake  
will someone find a  
wet dry vac and get  
Nate off the walls?!



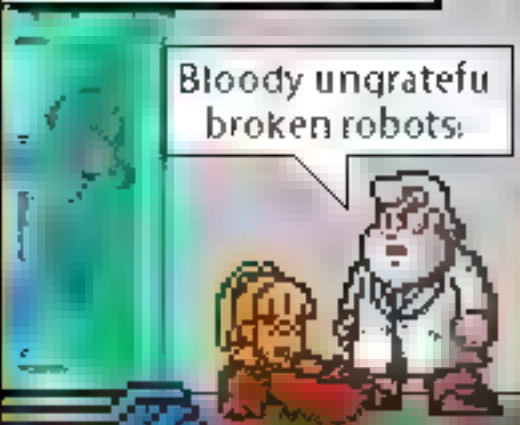


And so...

**GO! NOW!**



Dr Light started repairs  
on Roll and Mega Man



Bloody ungratefu  
broken robots!

Mynd was confined, sans  
limbs, to the dungeon



Since when do we  
have a dungeon?

As for Bass...



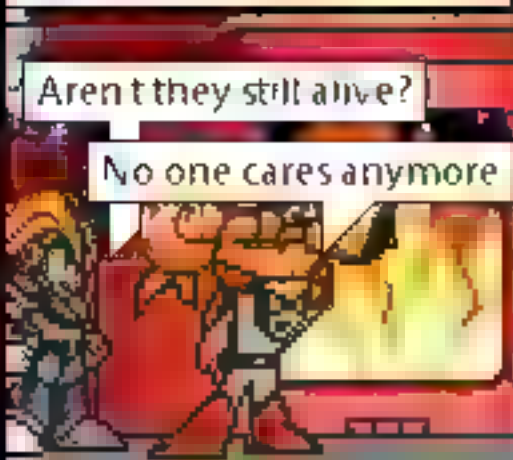
Bass, what are you  
even doing here?

Well everyone  
else was doing it...

Chad and George  
were separated



The ninjas were "removed"



Evil Overlord Mike had a fit



And everything went  
back to semi-normal



# Biography

This Month on  
A&E Biography

We look at the  
story behind  
one of the first  
sprite comics  
on the web.

It all started with  
a fortunate stalling  
idea that took off.

An idea that lead to the  
creation of countless  
sprite webcomics.

## BOB AND GEORGE

A Fortunate Mistake...  
or a Mortal Sin?

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000,  
Bob and George, the  
Comic Strip, started.

Hosted by  tripod®

Now with even  
MORE pop-ups

It premiered to  
absolutely no fan-fare  
on a small Tripod site.

Many have heard  
the story about how  
the comic was  
originally intended  
to be just another  
hand-drawn comic  
about college life.



and how that plan  
failed because drunken  
monkeys can draw  
better than Dave.

After failing with the hand-drawn material, Dave concentrated fully on the sprites, a move that proved to be fairly popular.



This move lead to the creation of countless other sprite comics, including Life of Wily and 8-Bit Theater.



The latter of which has gone on to become one of the most popular comics on the internet.

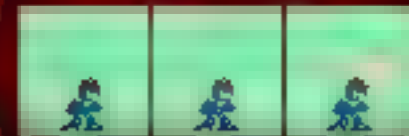


Not all of the sprite progeny have been quite so successful.

Following a parody of the First Megaman Game, Dave made another attempt at the hand-drawn comic.



This attempt didn't work out quite as well as the first.



and Dave decided to stick with the sprites indefinitely.

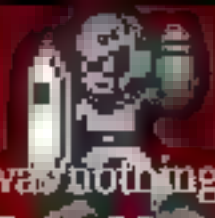
## BOB AND GEORGE

THE COMIC STRIP By Dave Anderson

Of course, now he had a comic called "Bob and George" with no one in it named Bob or George.



This potential conflict between tile and comic material was resolved with the introduction of sprite versions of both Bob and George.



Bob was nothing more than a Proto Man recolor, and George was created as an Author recolor, who was just a Mega Man recolor to begin with.



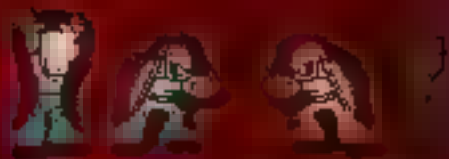
And because the spriting community didn't exist yet...



recolors weren't yet considered a crime against nature.



So Bob and George  
were introduced  
into the comic.



And then Bob tried,  
rather unsuccessfully  
to kill everyone.

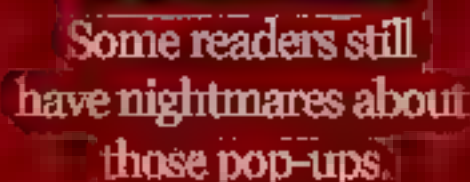
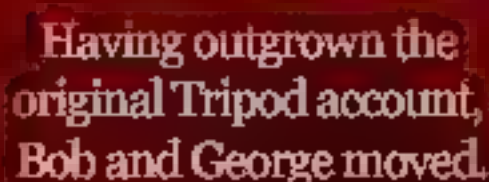
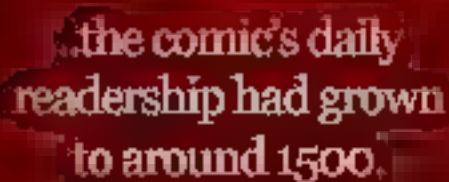
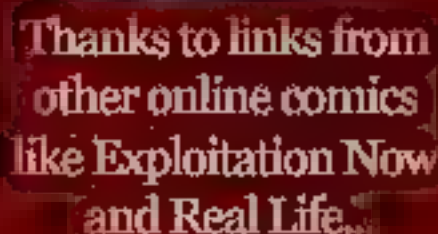
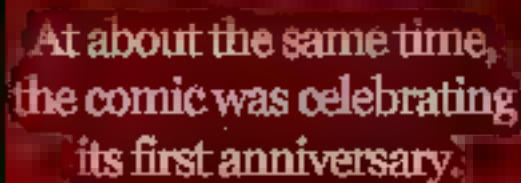
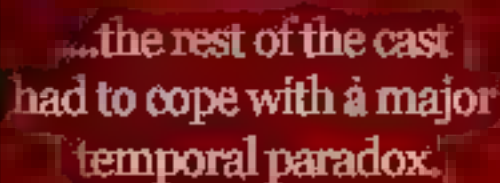
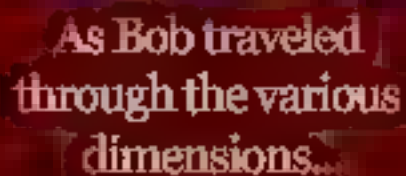


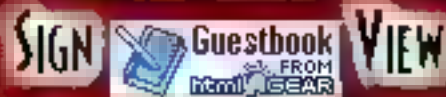
His defeat lead to  
two recurring  
themes in the comic:



Dimensional travel and  
an annual villain that  
tries to kill everyone.







Now, originally the comic had started with a simple guestbook.



Before long, the fans started asking for a way to talk to each other.



So Dave started a message board on a site called ezboard.



But soon enough, the forum members were using it like a chat room.

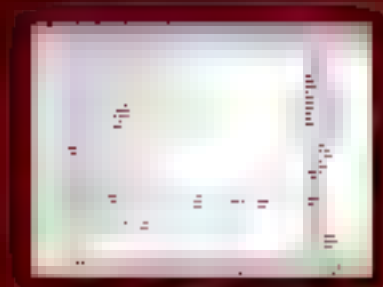
So Dave decided to save himself the trouble and just give them their chat room. He was originally going to use the chat services from some random website...



...but a reader named Robin suggested he create a room on IRC instead.



Dave, in a huff, said "Fine. You want a chat room, you set it up!"



And thus #bobandgeorge was born.

**DORKSNET**



The chat room started on Dorksnet, but in September 2002, it moved to Peacefulhaven.

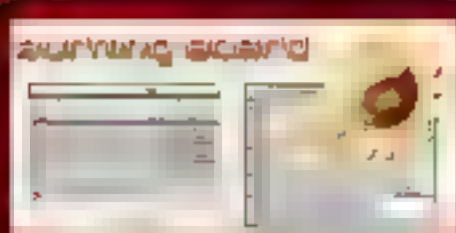
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And after a year at peacefulhaven, it moved to its current home at Darkmyst.

The forums started on ezboard, but when the comic moved from Tripod, other message boards became possible.



The first one tried was Ikonboard, which lasted until November 2002.



Suggested security holes lead administration to switch to Burning Board.



Burning Board lasted until a massive server crash erased everything.





After that, the forum admins decided to try a board that wasn't written in German.

During the community's time with Burning Board, our resident forum guru, Coda, gained valuable experience with message boards and decided to try his hand at his own.

## ***ABoard Forums***

Given that everything on the old board had been lost, why not? And so ABoard was born.

Unfortunately, given the wants and needs of the forum members, being that Coda was the only one who knew how it worked, and considering that even he had to eat and sleep sometime...

  
it was decided to switch to a more widely-used board, like phpBB, even though it meant starting over... AGAIN.



As mentioned earlier, in the beginning, Bob and George was hosted on Tripod. Eventually the site moved to the ZeldaLegends site.



However, problems with pop-ups and pop-unders eventually lead to Dave deciding to move again.



After a quick search, Dave settled on PlanetGAC, where Bob and George lived for several months.

Unfortunately, the server host turned out to be terribly unreliable, from server crashes to the admin just up and disappearing one day.

(All emails to the admin were routed to an apparently unused Hotmail account.)

## SERVERFLY

A little upset, Dave then looked for a new and hopefully more reliable server solution. What he found was Serverfly.



One month, several angry emails, and \$400 in server fees later, Dave was again looking for a new server.



And a reliable server he did finally find in Myrmid, which is where Bob and George is today.

The moral here is that Dave's been through his share of servers, so he knows a good one when he sees it, and Myrmid is one of the best.

(Now where's that product placement check, JD?)

Meanwhile, back in the comic, the Second Megaman Game was over and a new villain with his two lackeys had entered the arena.

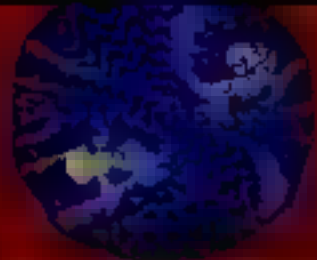


Fan reaction to Mynd and his subsequent attack varied.

Some loved him, some hated him, and some even heralded his coming as a sign that the comic was going downhill and the community was dying.



That was more than three years ago and the number of daily readers has grown by nearly 20,000.



Following the Attack of Mynd, Bob and George found themselves hurled through time.



George, stuck in the past, met a super-smart Mega Man, the result of some rather unruly and convoluted time travel.



He learned that you shouldn't try to change the past and that he really, really, really hates hanging from ceilings.



Bob, in the distant future, learned of the eventual Cataclysm, an event yet to come and a series that still isn't finished.



He also gained the ability to travel through time, which was a setup for a future storyline, even if Dave didn't know it yet.

He then traveled into the past and together they experienced the Third Mega Man game storyline, which deviated from the original game's storyline more than any of the others.

In the end, Willy was destroyed and the smart Mega Man was turned back into the dumb Mega Man, which was also done as the setup for a future storyline.

Which, unfortunately, has created an acute sense of paranoia in some of the fans, who now see clues to future storylines everywhere they look.

Following the Third Megaman Game, Dave decided it was time for some new villain to show up and try to kill everyone. And what better villain than the beloved hero?

But how would good Mega Man turn evil? Dave worked diligently on a convoluted yet reasonable explanation, and inserted it into the comic as something stupid and innocuous.

As the storyline progressed, the evil Mega Man explained how his intelligence from the previous storyline had turned him evil, but he neglected to answer the question of why.

And then, in the end, Dave took the whole idea and threw it away so he could say the devil did it, because deep down, he still wanted Mega Man to be a hero. Just a really stupid hero.



After the evil Mega Man storyline concluded with Mega Man being chucked into a nearby portal, via Mynd, the story switched back to Bob, who was having troubles of his own.



After jumping into a random portal, he found himself in the Rockman Univese, a dimension unlike any other.



Mega Man was scarily competent, Roll was oddly subserviant, and both Dr. Wily and Forte were actually evil.



And after a series of misunderstandings, which left everyone dead, Bob decided to retire in Acapulco.

## Bob and Geo

The Corn c Strip

But Bob's name is in the title, which is both a blessing and a curse.



Meanwhile, Ran was revealing the "true story" behind the Fourth Megaman Game, which had absolutely nothing to do with the game.



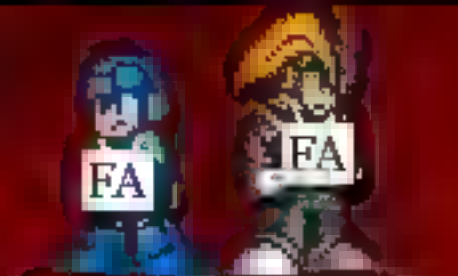
And right in the middle, Mega Man showed up, apparently no longer evil and back to normal, but no one was buying it.



So they took turns beating the hell out of him. Just to be sure.

During the Fourth Megaman Game story, a previously innocuous tidbit resurfaced. Earlier Bob had traveled into the Alternate Universe and obtained the ability to travel through time.

His decision that he decided that Bob having the ability to travel anywhere in the entire space-time continuum was a very bad idea.



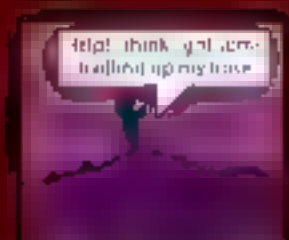
Two characters were chosen, by their future selves, to take that ability away from Bob.

The odds of success were not good.

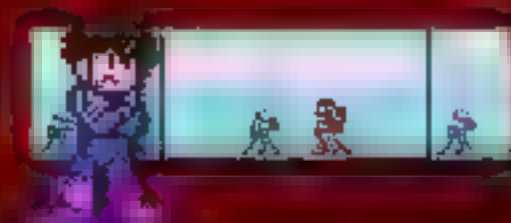


The odds of survival were worse.

But before the Alternates could get their hands on Bob, trouble was brewing back at home. Seems George got a bit curious about some unanswered questions from the evil Mega Man's attack.



Namely, how did he survive consuming the nanobot-laden ice cream? Why didn't he explode?



Now George had already made the critical mistake of being curious about a deus ex machina.



His second mistake was asking Dr. Light for help.



As the unwilling and sometimes unconscious participant in his time traveling adventures, George learned the truth behind the recent attack.



It seems that an evil author from another dimension had infiltrated the regular universe and was bent on destruction.



And while such an idea sounds ridiculous and clearly contradicts everything that went before, it is the truth.

As far as anyone knows.

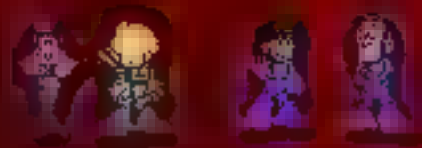
And so, with George stuck in the past, the evil Helmeted Author, aka "Helmut", posed as George and proceeded with his plans to once again kill everyone.



Unfortunately for him, by this point in the comic, everyone was ready for the next attack.



But Helmut hadn't made it this far without some preparations of his own, and he nearly succeeded.



His critical error lay in underestimating the Author's obstinance and ability to make shit up.



With the Helmeted Author, aka "Helmut" and/or Fistantantilus, banished to the White Space, the comic was able to return focus to the aforementioned subplot with Bob.



Alternate Mega Man and Bass had tracked him to the Rockman Universe, where they accidentally set off the Cataclysm.



Bob found himself sent back to the time of the Fifth Megaman Game, where he naturally took on the role of the villain.

In the biggest and most complicated game parody of them all, our heroes found themselves facing not only Bob, but also a million Robot Masters.



As the cast split up to face the dangers separately, the comic itself split up during the Month of Destruction to show both plots as they proceeded.



But just when everything looked most bleak, a [REDACTED] asteroid was dropped on Bob's head, and the day was saved.



The Alternates were sent home none the wiser, and Bob was banished to a plane of existence where he will never be able to bother anyone ever again.

As far as anyone knows.

Meanwhile, back in the Megaman Universe, it turns out our Mike had pissed off the Mike from the Megaman Universe and sent his Mynd to kill our Mike and anyone else who got in the way.



Our heroes more or less had a problem with this, and the Attack of Non-Alternate Mynd began.



Just recently, Dr. Light broke up the fight, which was pretty much over thanks to Charge, the comic's latest Mary Sue.

But what news was Dr. Light bringing when he came upon the battle? What revelation would surely have been revealed by now if not for the stupid Coryline? Stay tuned, suckers!

Phew Sure does feel good  
not to have to worry about  
any attacks for a while



Oh, I'm sure it's only  
a matter of time  
until the next one



Besides, with the anni-  
versary party coming...

What? Oh no The Party



Quick Shoot  
me in the head



What was that noise?

Hah I had Proto Man shoot me in the head so you can't make me do interviews again.



What? But I wasn't going to I got some one else to do them.



Oh



Here Help me find my eyebrows.





Okay... let's just go down  
this checklist and make  
sure everything's done



Fixed Roll... check.  
Fixed Mega Man...  
check Reconstituted  
Nate... check



Put the finishing touches  
on my latest weapon of  
mass destruction that will  
bring about a thousand  
years of destruction and  
the end of humanity...



Check



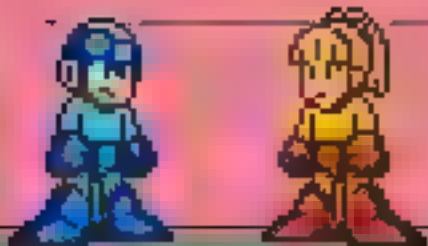
Attention all robots  
and or freeloaders  
living in my lab

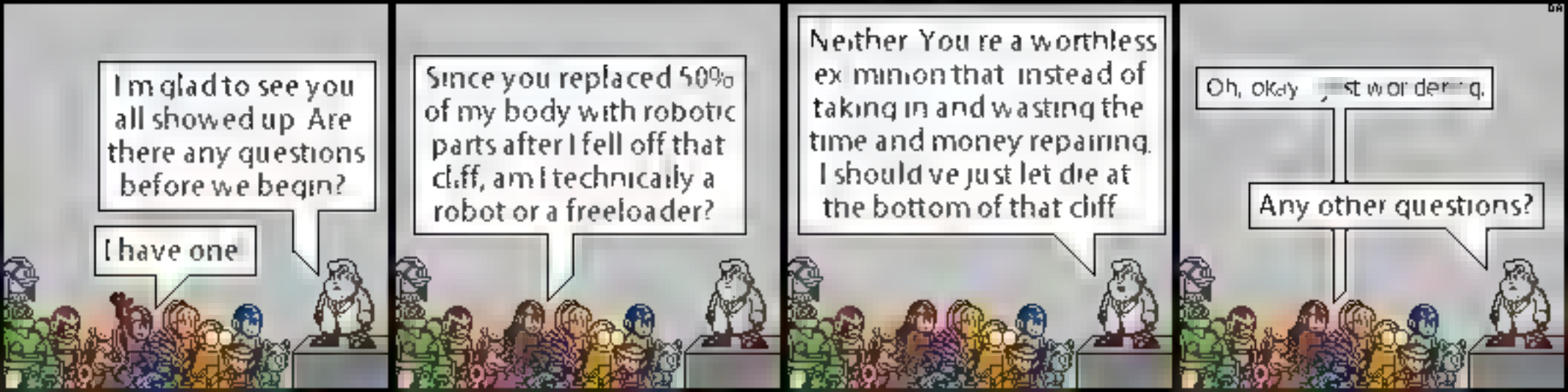
Report to the research  
lab immediately I have  
something to show you

Oh god. I hope this  
isn't like last time

No kidding

I don't understand why  
Dr Light even has a line  
of big men's bikini briefs,  
much less why he needs  
to model them to us.



A four-panel comic strip. In each panel, a man with a beard and a white shirt stands on a small stage, addressing a diverse crowd of people. The crowd includes a man with glasses, a woman with long brown hair, a man with a beard, a woman with blonde hair, a man with a blue cap, and a small grey robot. The background is a simple grey wall.

I'm glad to see you all showed up. Are there any questions before we begin?

I have one.

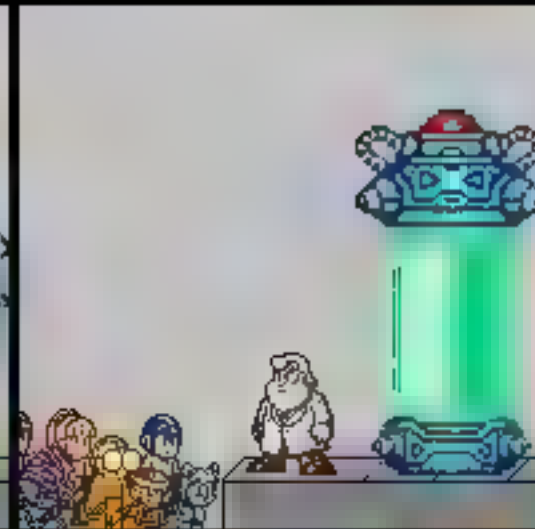
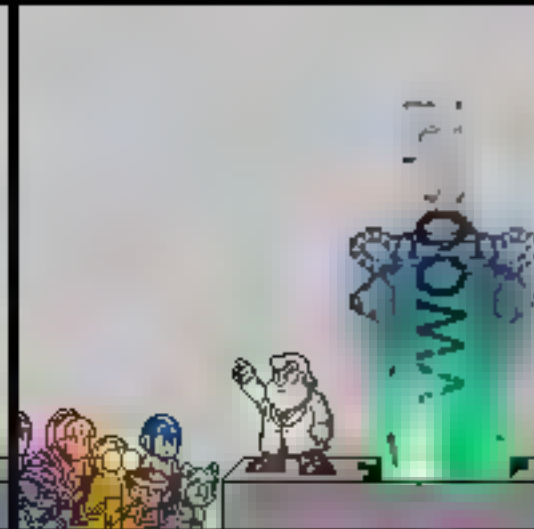
Since you replaced 50% of my body with robotic parts after I fell off that cliff, am I technically a robot or a freeloader?

Neither. You're a worthless ex-minion that, instead of taking in and wasting the time and money repairing, I should've just let die at the bottom of that cliff.

Oh, okay. Just wondering.

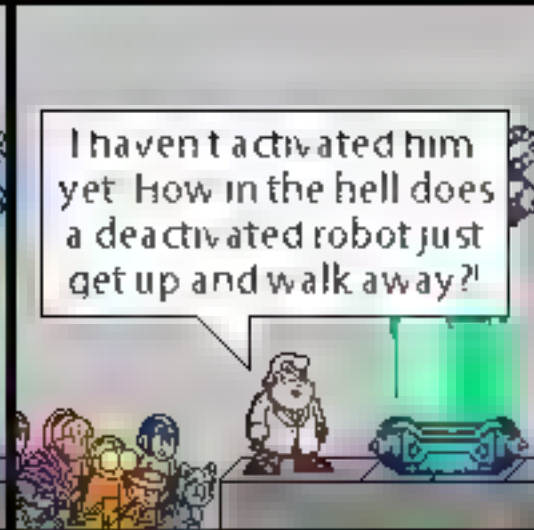
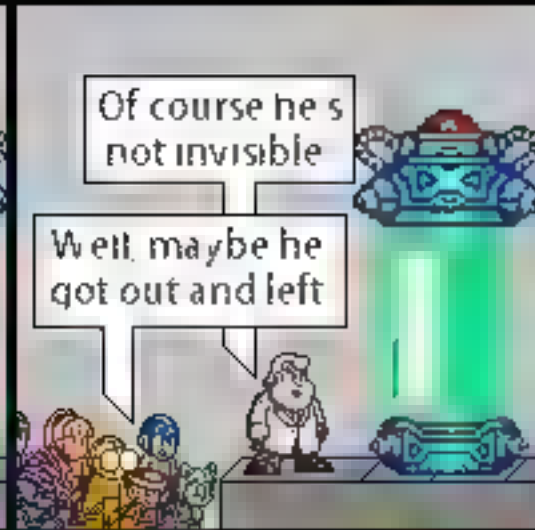
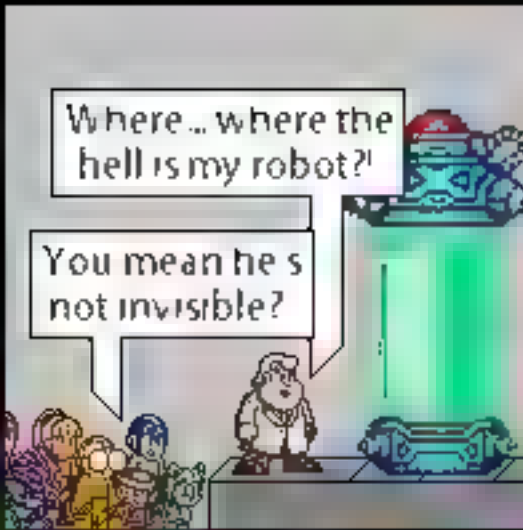
Any other questions?

And now I present to you  
the next great advance  
in the field of robotics.  
I give you... Mega Man X.



Oh my god  
He's so advanced  
he's invisible





Zero: What are you  
doing with my body?!

I'm going to dump  
it in the river



What?! Why?!

Because if I don't  
eventually Dr. Cain  
will find you and  
make the Repoids!



And then they all  
go Maverick and the  
Maverick Virus will spread  
and the world is doomed!



But you're the one  
who started the  
Maverick virus!



That's not the point



Zero dumping my body  
won't change anything  
Dr. Light will just end  
up building another me



Besides, if I don't have  
a body, what will happen  
to my soul? Will I cease  
to exist? Will I vanish?



Do you really want to  
be stuck on the ethereal  
plane with just that weird  
Shadowy Author guy?



I swear, if he uses the  
word "destiny" one more  
time, I'm gonna chuck  
something heavy at him



WHAT IN THE  
NAME OF ALL THAT  
IS SHADOWER  
IS GOING ON HERE?



Nothing!

Zero was gonna  
dump my body  
in the river!



Snitch!

You WERE!  
And it's MY body!



SHUT UP!  
AND! F... BACK  
TO THE MOUNTAIN OF...  
REHABILITATOR  
FOR YOU, BUT





Psst! Georgal

What the hell?



Listen closely! We don't have much time!



Zero's soul stole my body to stop the future from happening. Now we need to get my body back into the pod without anyone noticing.



Ah, so you need me to create a diversion and send the pod back downstairs, where you can replace the body and return the comic to its status quo, which will get the storyline back on track and allow everyone to forget about this ominous subplot?

Exactly!



Hey, Dr Light, what does this button do?

It raises and lowers the capsule why?

I was thinking that maybe if I turned it 37.5 degrees clockwise then tapped it three times quickly then pushed it down fully...

George I don't think...

Wait I'm not done yet

Then, maybe if I turn the button another 47.5 degrees, caress the button and tell it what a good little button I think it is...

And then I'll turn the button 63.2 degrees counter clockwise with my left hand, sneeze lightly on it, and push it all the way down again

That's not going to...

What in the... How did you

Jesus, Dr Light it's only one button

We I, looks like  
I'm about to be  
activated. See you  
guys in the future!



Hey when do I get  
to be activated?

LATER

Why later? I wanna  
be activated now!

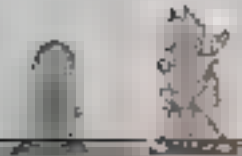


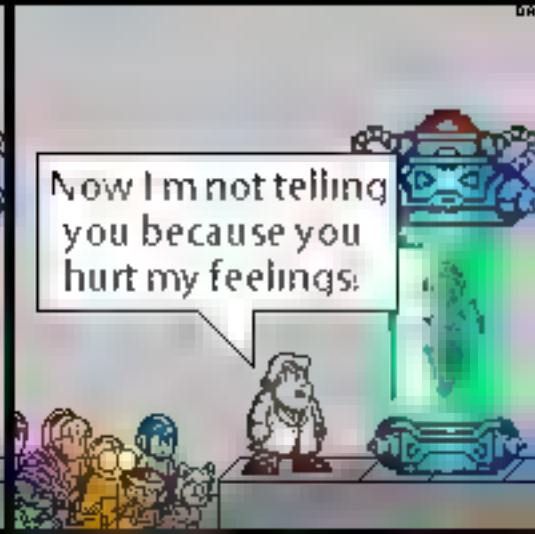
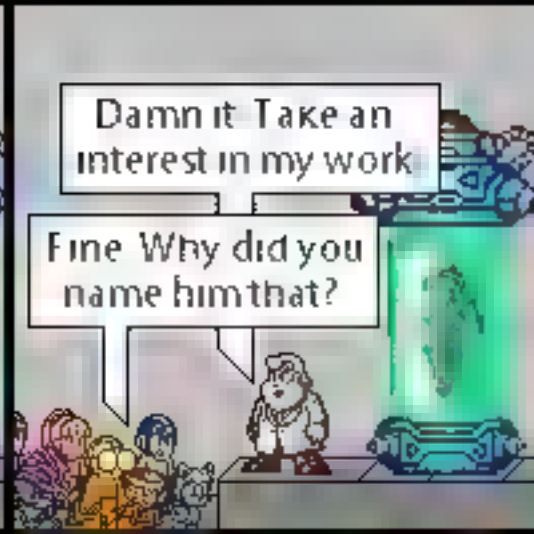
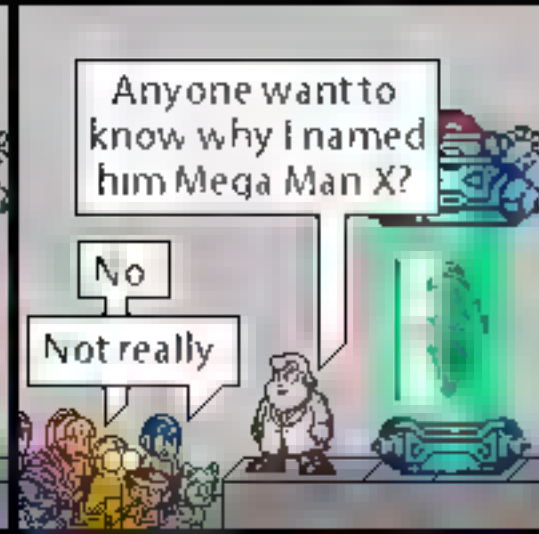
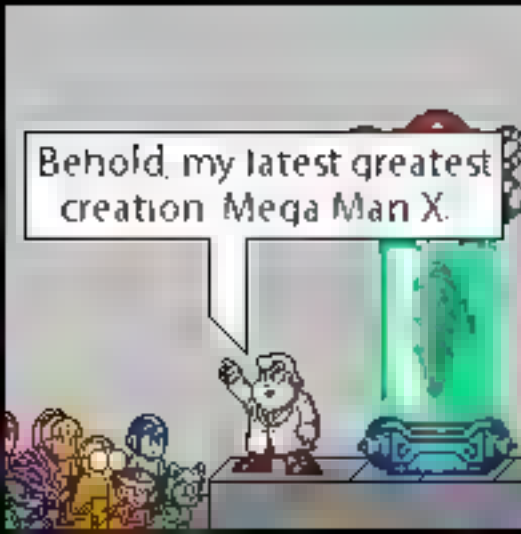
Why can't I be  
activated now?

BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT  
A TIT, EASY, NO MORE  
NO 'TIT' ACTIVATION



Oh right





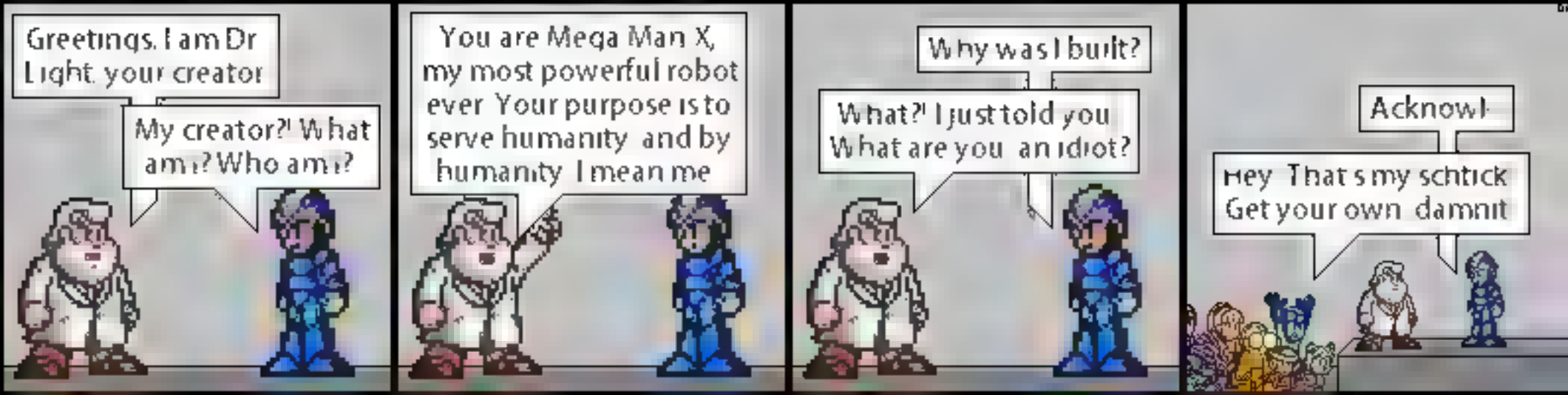
Now watch as my  
most powerful creation  
ever awakens, making  
all of you obsolete

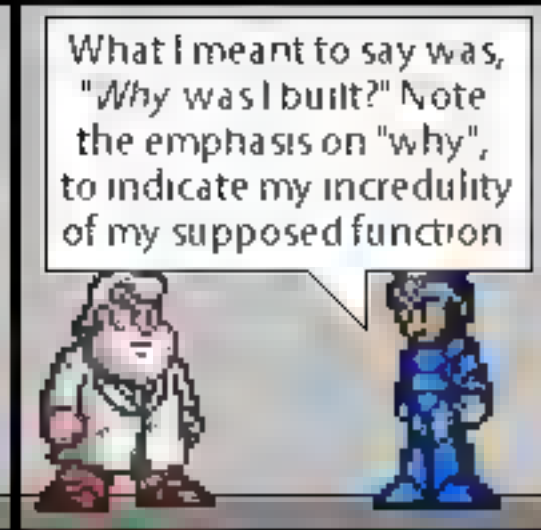
Mega Man X. Activate

Blink  
Blink

Unnnh... huh,  
what? Santa Cl

Hey That was my  
line No stealing





Er what I meant to say  
was, could you perhaps  
clarify my mission?

You have been built  
to be my personal  
assistant and help me  
out around the lab

And I need to be the  
most powerful robot  
ever to do that?

My lab gets very  
messy very quickly

Cleaning dusting  
that sort of thing



Wait why did you build me to clean your lab? What about all of your other robots over there?



Ah yes, my failures. Each of them was also built with the purpose of helping me in the lab



And each one decided they would rather go off and fight evil than stick around and help me



But not you Oh no I built you special

Yes! You're a mamma's boy

Oh?



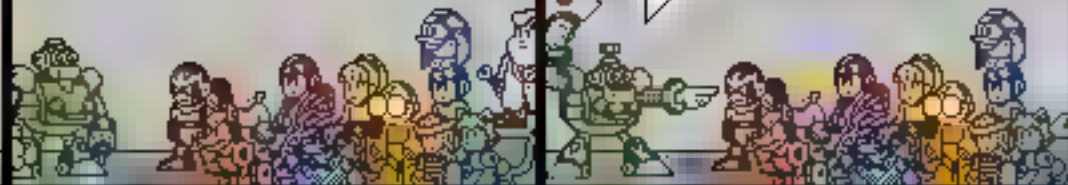
I'm a what?!

Okay technically you're a pacifist but these days it's the same difference



I just can't believe all of your other robots left to fight the forces of evil

Well... not all of them.



Hey I'm a cosplaying harajuku girl fanbot and proud of it

Here let me introduce  
you to your new family



This is your brother and  
sister, Proto Man and Roll

Hi

How's it

beep!



What was that?

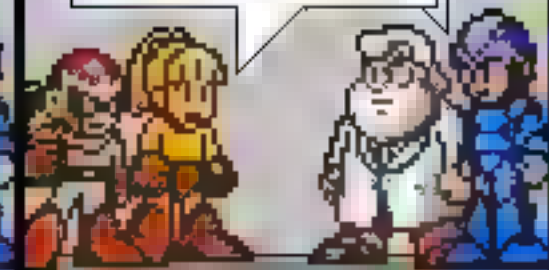
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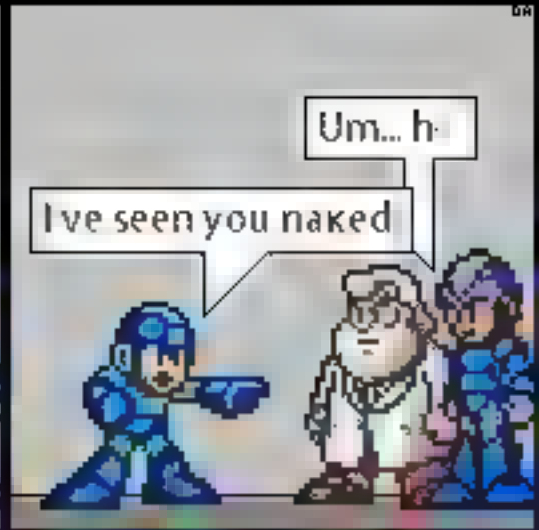
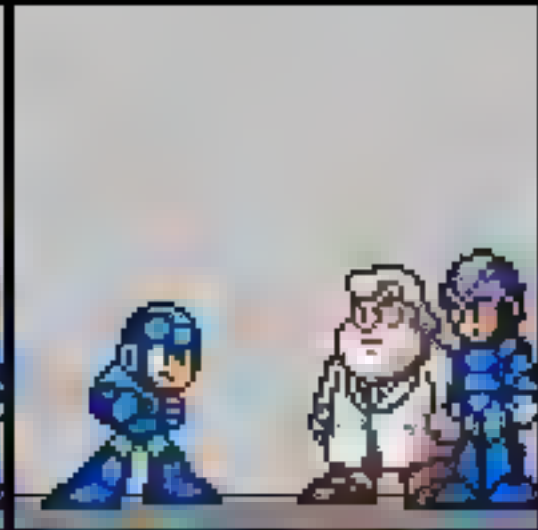
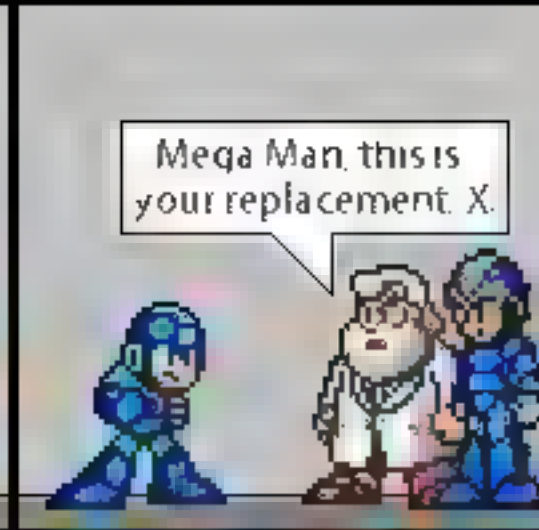
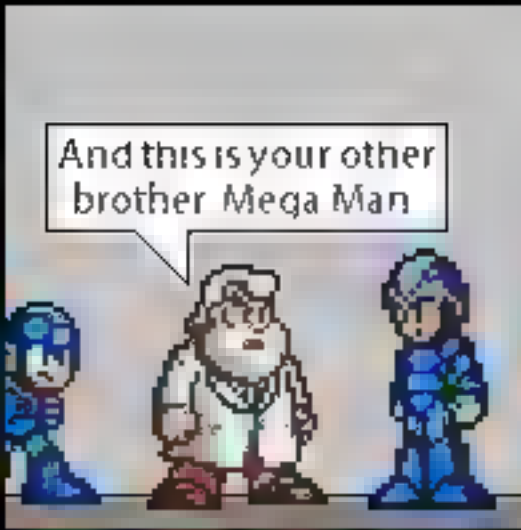
beep!  
beep!



What the...

It's certainly not my  
gay-dar going off





You'll have to excuse him. He's not really this stupid. It's just the way he was programmed



My former partner, Dr. Wily inserted stupidity programming to spite me



Why didn't you just remove the stupidity programming?



Bah too much work

I didn't look. Are you a boy robot or a girl robot?



**MONKEY NIPPLES TASTE  
LICK SUGARY SALT LIKES!**

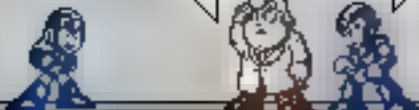
My god... it's like an  
intellectual black hole



Confound it all He's gone  
from stupid to ultra stupid

**TRIBBLE DUNG MAKES  
LOVELY KWANZAA  
TREE ORNAMENTS!**

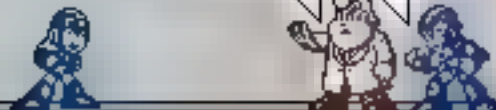
What do we do?!



Just back away slowly  
and whatever you do  
don't make eye contact

**IN MY OTHER PANTS  
I LEFT A SACKFUL  
OF POTATO PARTS!**

Oh no I just did

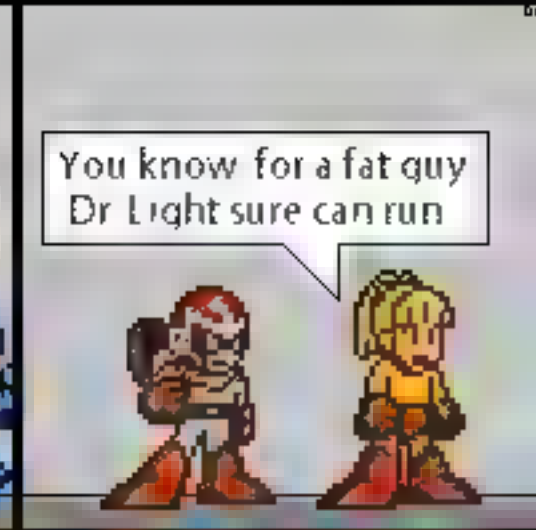
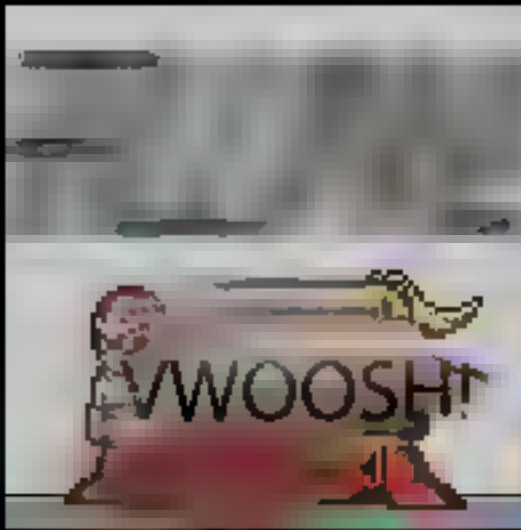


**FISH HEADS, FISH HEADS!  
ROLLY POLLY FISH HEADS!  
FISH HEADS, FISH HEADS!  
EAT THEM UP, YUMMM!**



RUN





So aside from Auto  
all of your robots  
became vigilantes?

Yes, but not you

You're specifically  
programmed to  
detest violence...

And enjoy cleaning  
laboratories. Speaking  
of which, here's mine

Oh my god What  
happened in here?!

Let's just say Ran and  
microwaves don't mix.



1 On my god I can't believe you put Ran in a microwave

Of all the horrible things you could do this has got to be the worst

That's absolutely absurd I would never put Ran in the microwave

He climbed in all by himself

Oh well, that's okay then

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Why did you let Ran  
get into the microwave  
in the first place?

It was an experiment

An experiment? What  
kind of freaky experiment  
required you to put Ran  
in a microwave?

How could you do that to  
poor Ran? Hasn't he had  
enough problems in his...

You have no idea  
who Ran is, do you?

Not a clue

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So who is Ran?

He's a little red robot built by the daughter of one of my roboticist colleagues.

He was built as a science fair project and lost to a papier mâché volcano

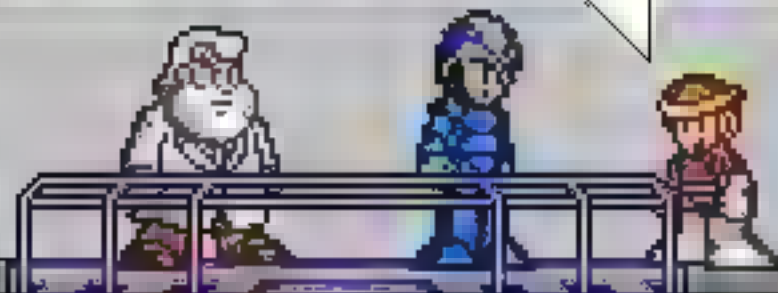
Oh and he's standing right behind you

Booyaka

Didn't you die?

Yeah I do that a lot

You see I'm built out of such crappy Soviet parts that even the slightest tap kills me. And it's actually more efficient and less expensive to just build a new me and teleport it in after I die than to constantly repair me.



So, in other words, no matter how many times you die you'll keep coming back?

Yup



I find that to be an incredibly annoying character trait, though I'm not exactly sure why.



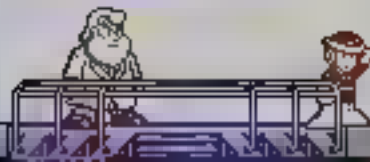
Now that you two  
are best friends, get  
with the cleaning



Um, Dr Light are you  
sure it's a good idea to  
use the most powerful  
and possibly destructive  
robot/weapon ever cre-  
ated to clean your lab?



**Level +10**



**Level +10**



Ba woop!

Hey Tubby don't  
you do that again

Oh yeah? Whatcha gonna  
do about it Commie?



You ever heard of  
my Cossack Buster?

You wouldn't dare  
fire that at a human

I didn't realize fat sacks of  
crap qualified as human



Oh, that's it You are  
going down now you  
cheap pile of pinko.

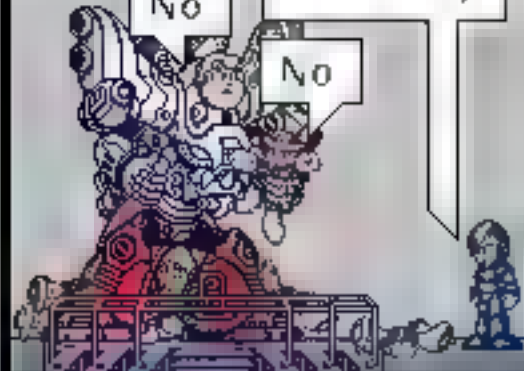


I'm done

Um... am I  
interrupting  
something?

No

No



What was that all about?

Oh when Dr Light gets bored, he likes to roughhouse



Won't someone get hurt?

That's why he fights with me I die but I don't take any permanent damage



This place is very strange

Oh, please You don't know the half of it



I mean, if you're freaked out now how are you possibly going to handle meeting your future self?



My future self?!

Sure With all the time traveling around here it's only a matter of time

And it's not just the time traveling We've also had visitors from other dimensions.

The way I see it we've broken every law of physics except the third law of thermodynamics.

Aha Negative two Kelvin

Nevermind



So, what do you guys do for fun around here?

I guess that depends who you hang around with

Mega Man, George and Chadling spend most of their free time eating ice cream in the kitchen

But they're robots... where does the ice cream go after they've eaten it?

Dr. Light installed ice cream fusion reactors that convert the ice cream directly into booze

That explains so much

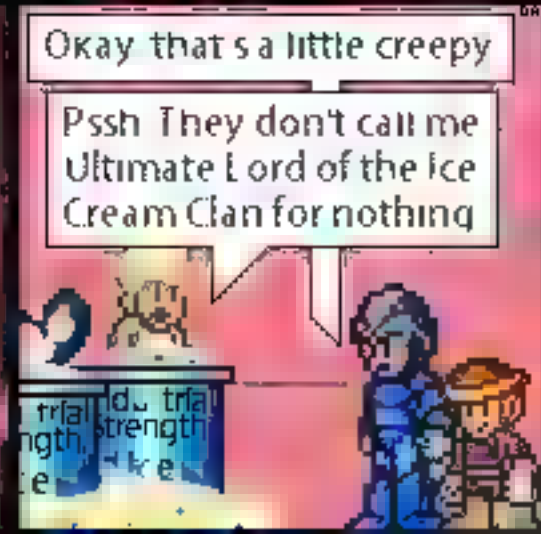
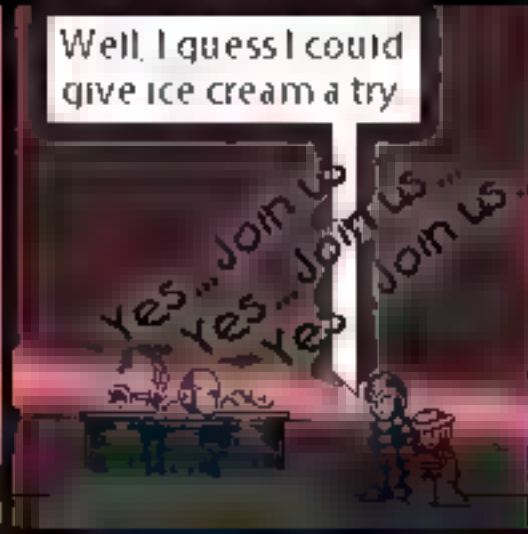
Wait a minute George isn't a robot. How can he eat all of that ice cream without getting fat?

Actually, my lightning powers require a high energy power source, and ice cream fills that need.

So you see ice cream isn't just something I like. It's something I need to survive.

No, but it sounds better than I just have a high metabolism and I think ice cream is yummy.

Really?



Here why don't you try some? It's chocolate chip one of the best flavors.

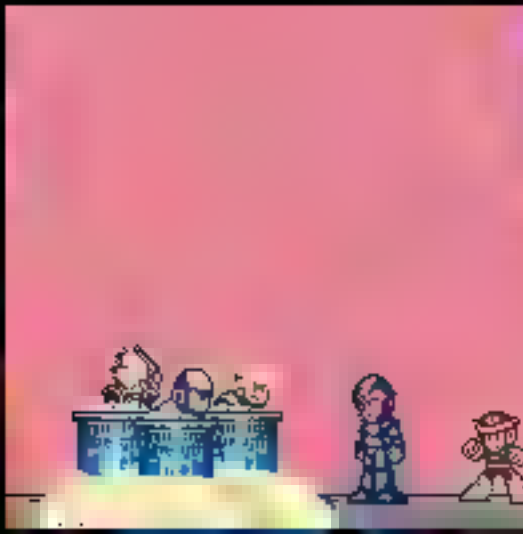
Okay... Hmm...

Here why don't you try some? It's chocolate chip one of the best flavors.

Okay... Hmm...

Bleh Oh god, that's vile That's the worst stuff I've ever tasted

trial strength, trial strength, trial strength



Okay I think we're  
safe now, Ran

Ran?



Ba woop!



Ran What happened?!

I didn't make it



Twelve freaking times.



So... now what do we do?

We could go hang out with Roll and Proto Man in the training room.



They use a holographic simulator to create virtual baddies and kill them.



Oh, like the Danger Ro-

Shh Do you want to get sued by Marvel?!



What about calling it the holodec-

Shut up



So, you wanna hang out with Roll and me in the training room?

I guess so

Hmm... Do you have a blaster? You have to have a blaster to hang with us.

I think so...

Yeah, here it is. I think it's the latest state-of-the-art next generation blaster

Oh yes... it'll be just fine...



X wants to hang out  
with us? I thought  
he was a pacifist

Doesn't matter. Have  
you seen his blaster?



What about it?

It's a model ZZ9  
Plural Z Alpha



I thought those were  
only theoretical

Dr. Light must've  
figured out a way to  
actually make one



And we're going to steal it

What?!

What, you think we should  
rough him up a little too?





No I mean, why are we going to steal it?

Because I want to use it to upgrade my blaster



Can't we just ask to borrow it?

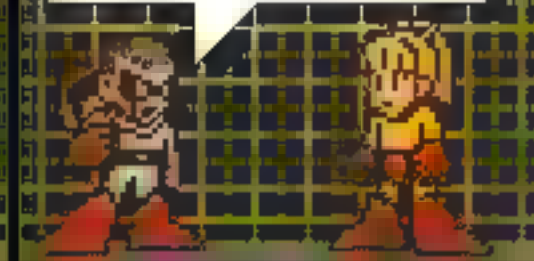
No of course not That'll never work It's too simple



Now I've come up with an overly complicated plan that's sure to work.



But I'll need some car batteries, a few dozen cinder blocks, a cup of iced tea and the city's entire supply of yogurt



All right, X, we're going to show you how the training room works.

To start with, there are different levels of difficulty each exponentially harder than the last.

So for instance Roli can defeat level 3 by herself which consists of a dozen Met-Guts-Man-Smashers.

If you say "pretty good for a girl" I will rip your brain stem out through your excretion port.

Wow That's pretty good.

I can defeat level 5 by myself and together Roll and I can complete level 7, which is an army of baby Met Demons.

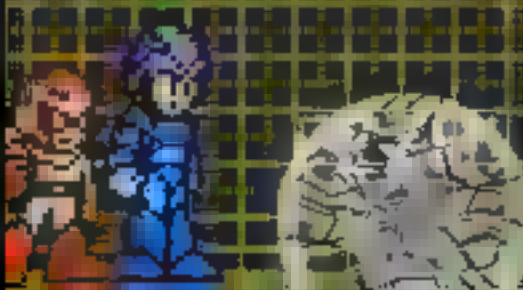
Now then, do you have any idea which level you would like you start on?

I don't know... I mean, aren't I supposed to be a pacifist or something...

All right then...

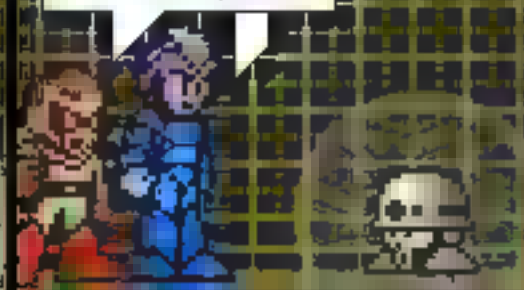
Roll, it looks like the pussy wants to start on level 1

Level 1  
Commencing...



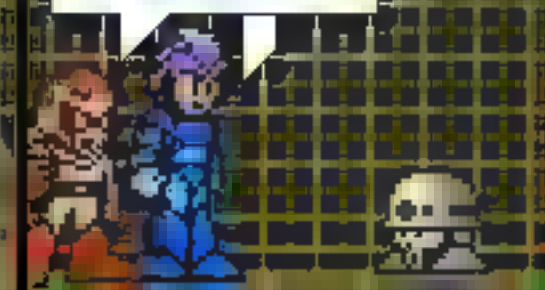
What is that?

It's a sickly Met



Doesn't seem like  
much of a challenge

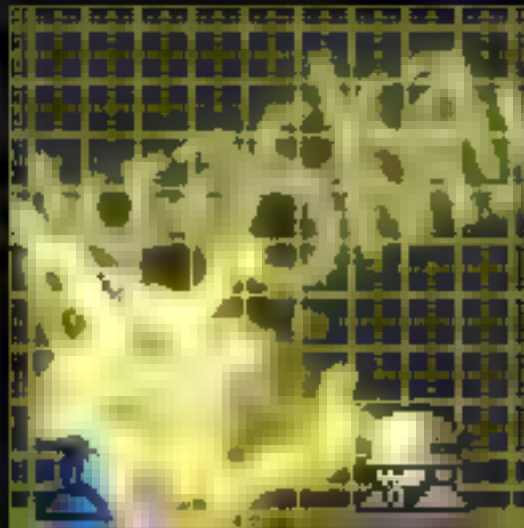
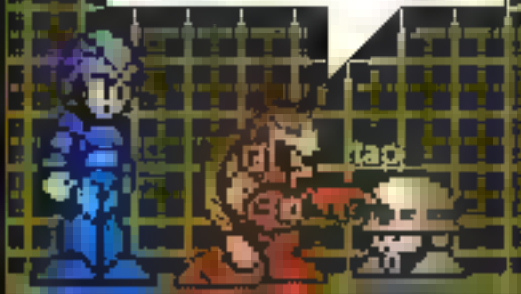
It's not supposed  
to be. Now kill it



Maybe if I wait, it'll  
die of natural causes.



On for the love of...  
Look this thing is so  
weak just a slight tap  
on the hat will kill it



What the hell was that?

Proto Man The  
holographic matrix  
has gone haywire

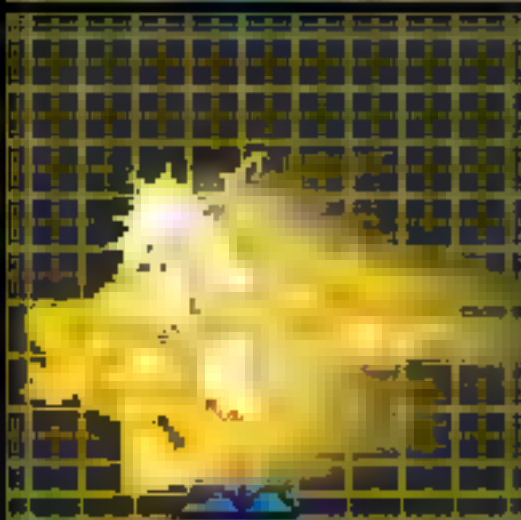
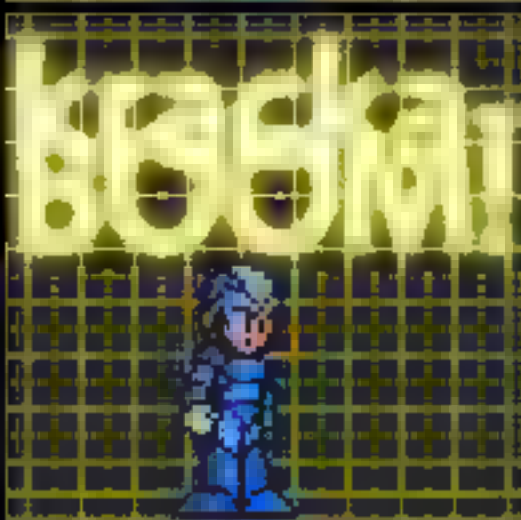
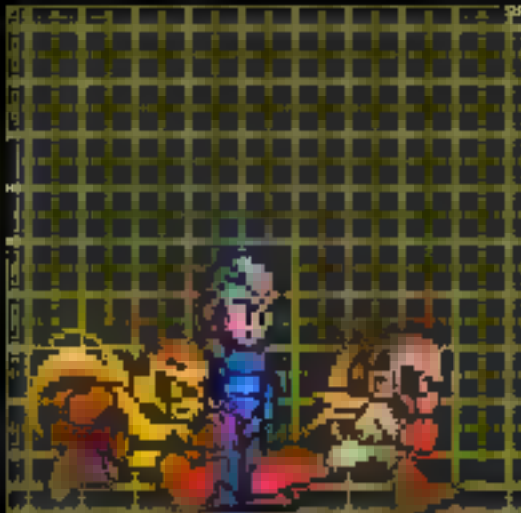
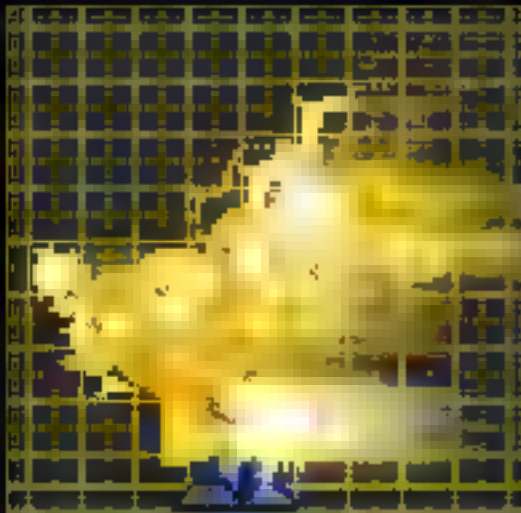
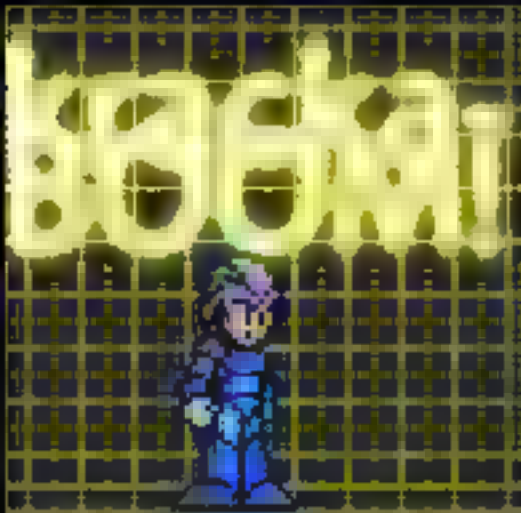
Not again

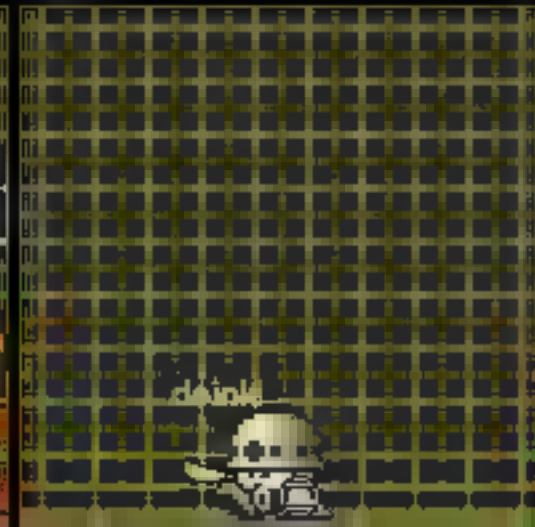
This happens a lot?

Actually now that  
you mention it, this has  
happened every single  
time we've used it

I'm starting to think we  
should really get it fixed

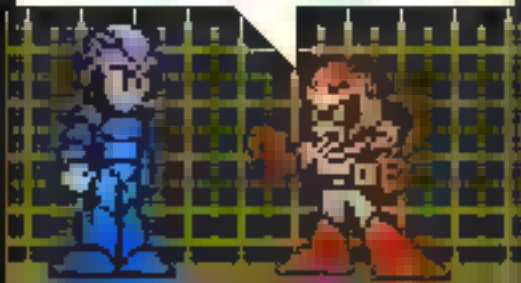




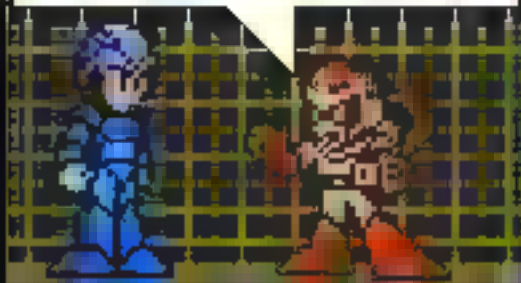




Look, X, my blaster's simply not powerful enough to defeat this met by myself



So if you're not going to do anything, just give me your blaster and I'll do it myself



Wait a minute. *This* was your plan? You purposely sabotaged the training room just to get your hands on X's blaster?



WHAT?!



Uh oh...

I can't believe this. I've only been alive a few hours and people are already trying to take advantage of me

No This wasn't part of the plan You have to believe

So there *was* a plan That's it I'm leaving

Me too

No Roll You know this wasn't part of my...

Aw damnit...

Now what the hell am I supposed to do with all this damn yogurt?

I don't get it. How did  
my plan go so awry?  
It was going so well  
before the training  
room malfunctioned.



Wait... if the room's  
still malfunctioning,  
how did they leave?



Further, why am I getting  
that awful sinking feeling  
I'm forgetting something?



Oh right...



Well, X, how has  
your day gone?

Crap-tacular  
No one likes me



No one?

No Mega Man. George  
and Chadung don't wanna  
hang out with me because  
I don't like ice cream.



Excellent

Excellent? What's so  
excellent about it?



My programming worked

Great I'm glad your  
programming me to be  
a loser worked so well



No no You see I purposely programmed you to specifically detest ice cream, so you wouldn't turn out like those lazy gluttonous slobs in the kitchen



You... you altered my programming because you don't like my friends?

Yes.



And who says there are no good parents left?



Then I went to hang out with Proto Man and Roll, but all they want to do is kill stuff



And then Proto Man tried to steal my blaster

Ah, yes. I feared Proto Man might get jealous.

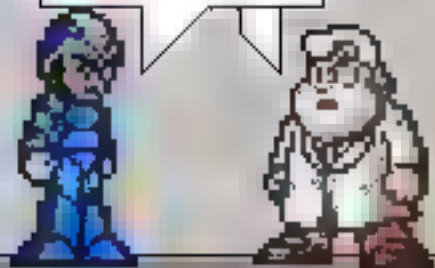


Then why did you even give me a stupid blaster especially if I'm supposed to be a freaking pacifist?!



Just in case the gardener goes crazy

We don't have a gardener



Aargh This is making  
me so angry But...  
rather than want to  
destroy things, I just  
want to be comforted



Ah, yes. That s because  
I programmed you to  
be a mommy s boy



Then where s my mommy?

Oh, you don t have one

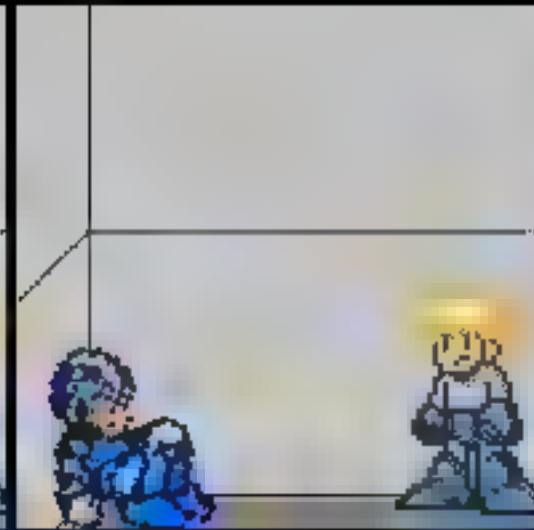


Right, well then I ll  
just go cut myself









Well, buck up X. I'm sure  
you'll eventually make  
friends with everyone

But what good does that  
do me? I'm lonely now

I'm sorry X, but I don't  
know what to tell you  
I mean it's not like you...

What startingly bad  
piece of advice is  
George about to give  
X, which will ultimately  
lead to much pain  
and suffering?

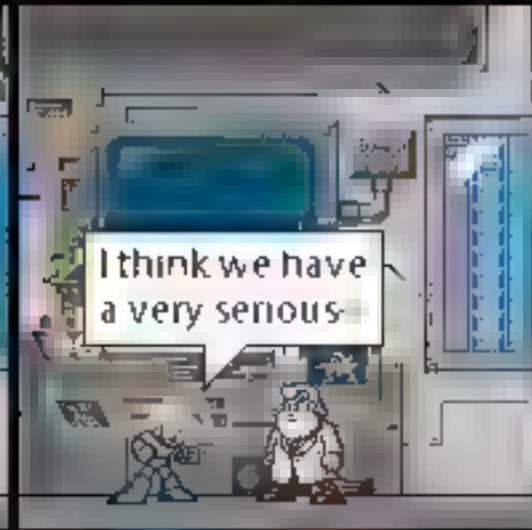
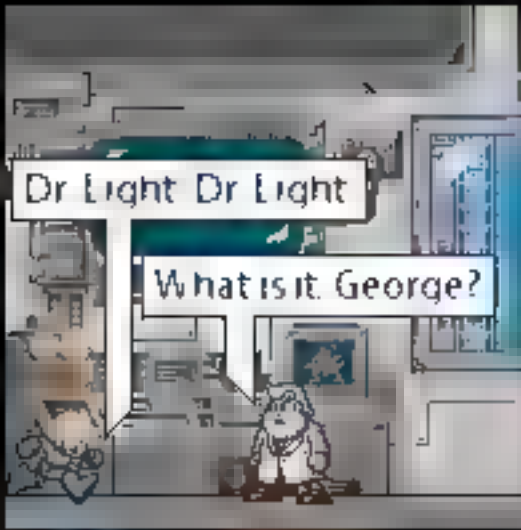
Tune in tomorrow!

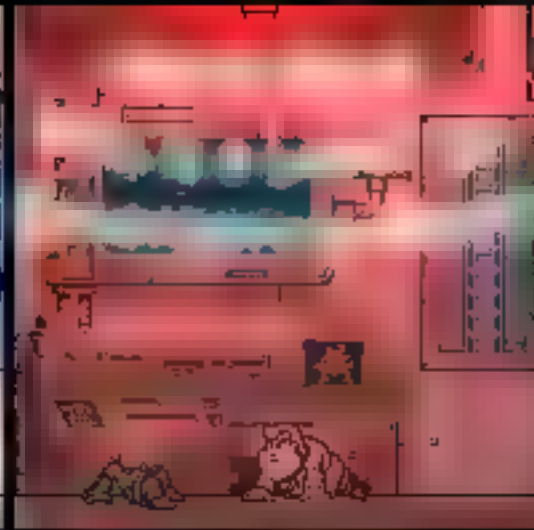
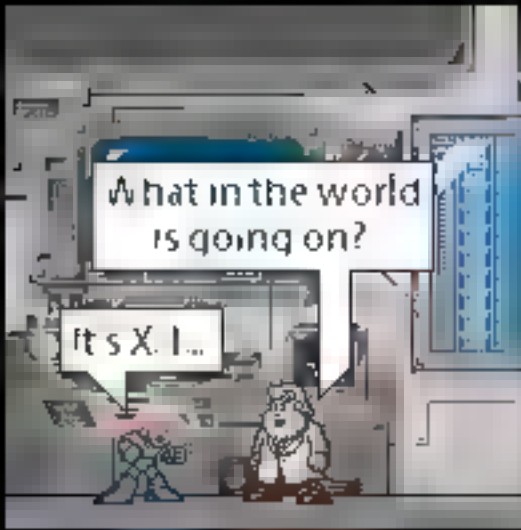
I'm sorry X, but I don't know what to tell you I mean, it's not like you can just force someone to be your friend

Of course That's it You're a genius! Thanks, George

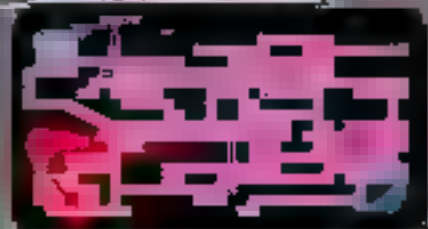
I don't know exactly what I just did, but I'm positive it will turn out to be a very bad thing







Is anyone in there?



internal sensors can't find him, but there appears to be a large power surge in the training room.

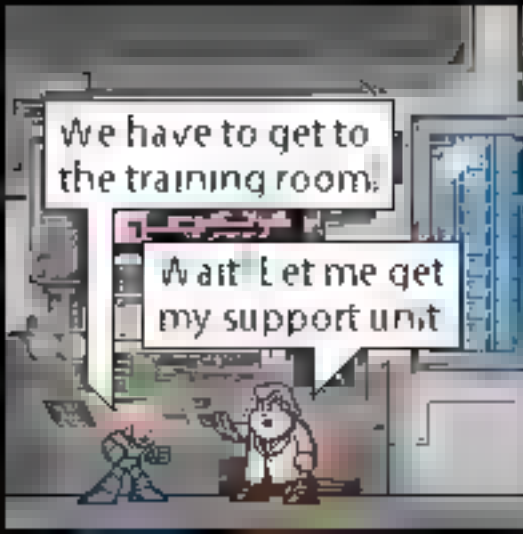
Is one of them X?



I don't know. Sensors are fluctuating wildly and energy readings are off the scale.

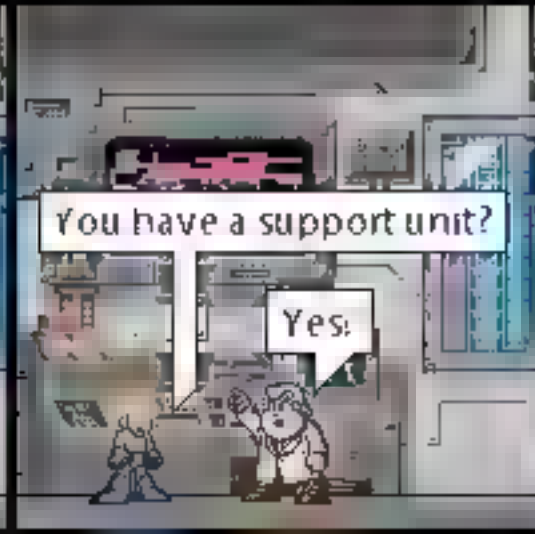
My god... the power bill this month will be enormous.



A character in a white lab coat stands in a room with blue lockers, gesturing towards a small robot on the floor.

We have to get to the training room.

Wait! Let me get my support unit

The character in the lab coat asks a question, and the small robot on the floor responds.

You have a support unit?

Yes!

The character in the lab coat points towards a red door, and the small robot on the floor looks on.

Behold, Circus!

The character in the lab coat explains something to the small robot, who is now holding a large, colorful object.

Circus?

Circus music is a type of music too

Watch this.

Combine with  
me Circus.

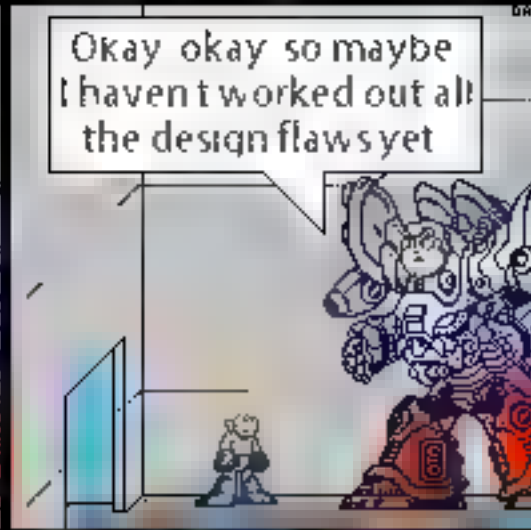
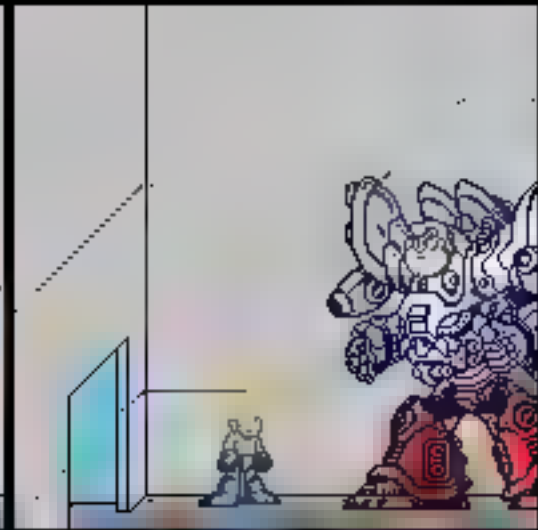
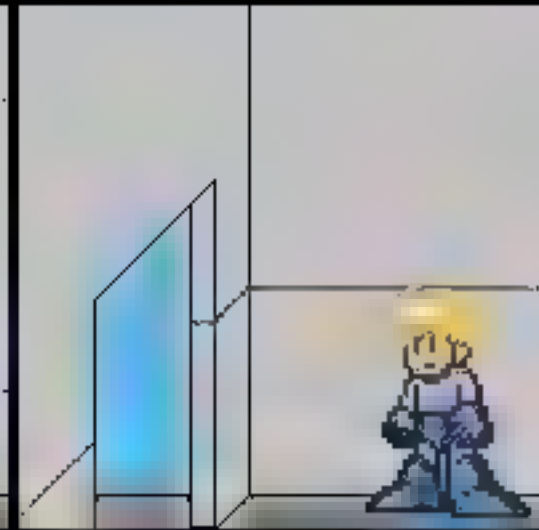
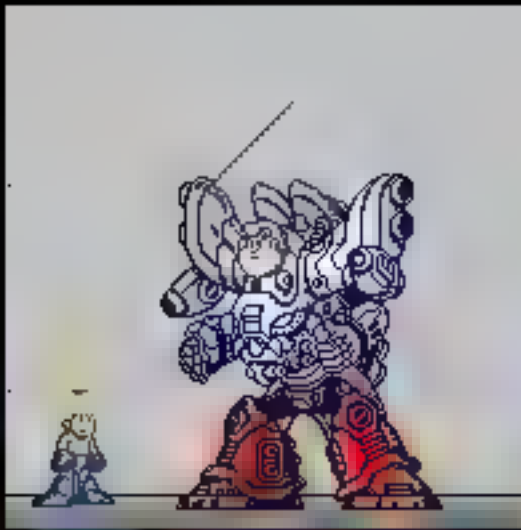


Autobots Transform  
and roll out

We don't have  
time for this



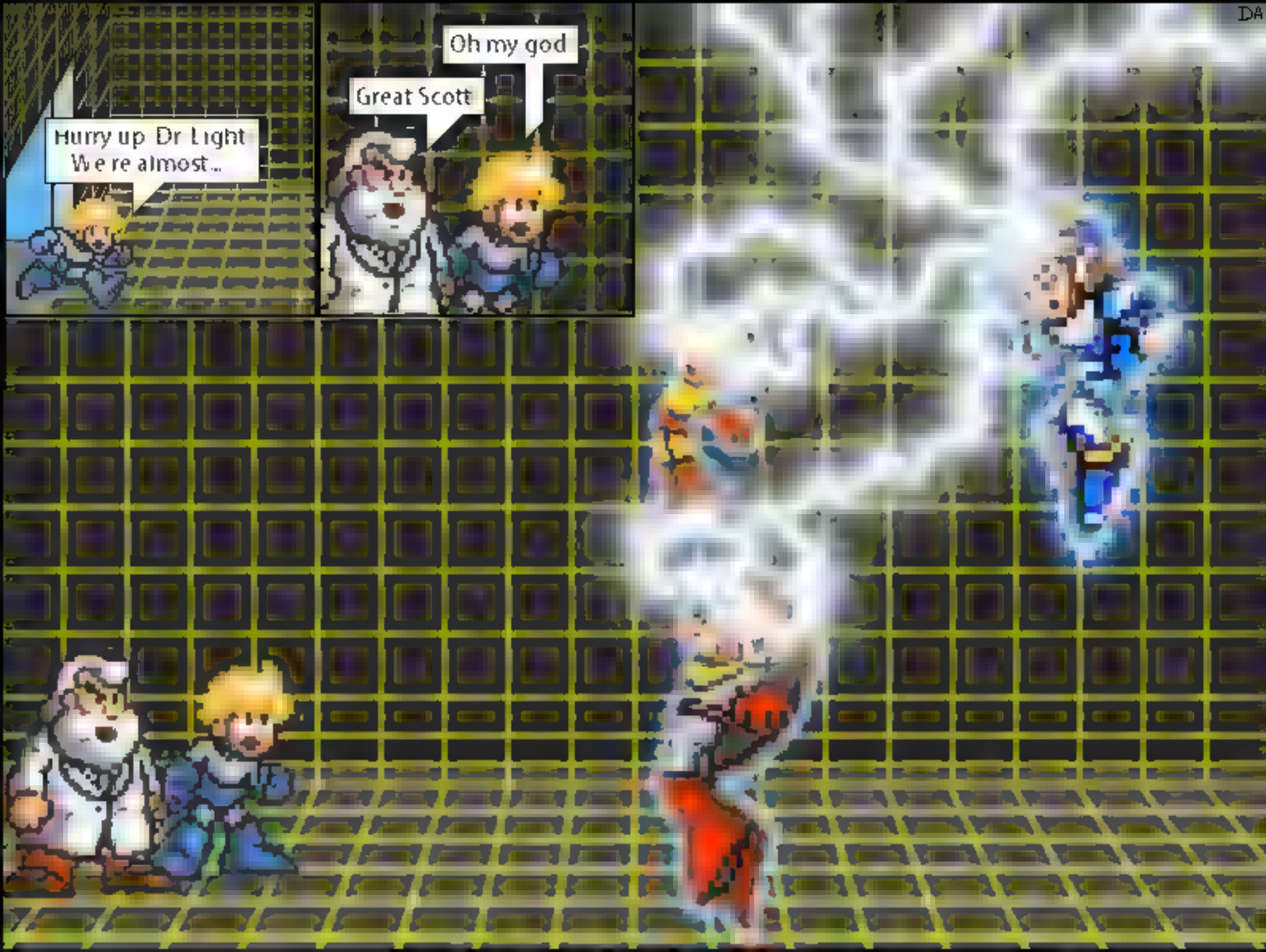




Hurry up Dr Light  
We're almost...

Great Scott

Oh my god



X. What are you doing?!

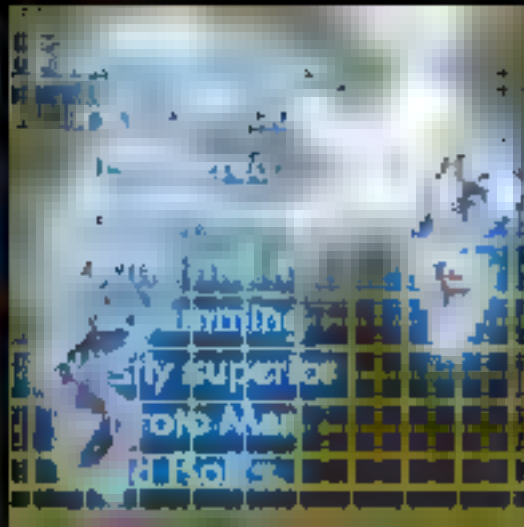
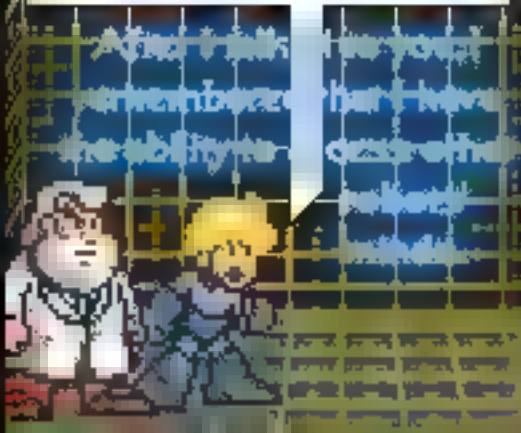


This is beyond bad right?

Indubitably



How's that even possible?



Damnations!

knew shouldn't have  
made X's brain out of  
a wireless router



I'm going back to the lab to see if I can find a way to stop this. You stay here and stall X.



Um... okay...

X: You have to stop this. This isn't right. You're assimilating their souls.



That makes you like the Borg. Do you really want to be the Borg Queen? All nasty and slimy and...

Damn it, knew he was gonna say that



Oh, Nate Thank  
god you re here

I'll be at soon  
as I could

squeekie  
squeekie  
squeekie

What's going on?

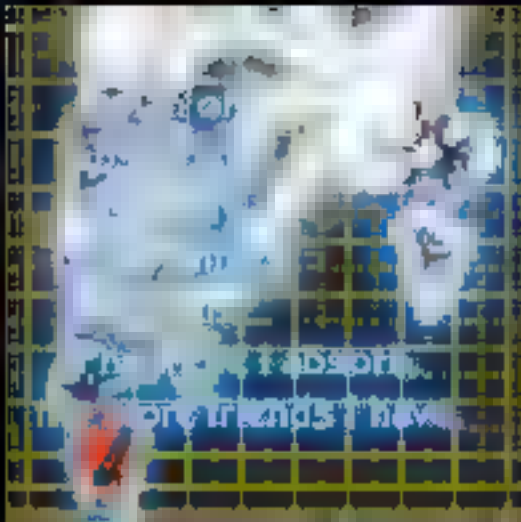
X has taken control of  
Proto Man and Roll

Okay here's what  
we're going to do

Hey No fair



Are you going to do  
that every time some-  
one comes in here?



This party is stopping  
right now. I'm going to  
lock the doors and...

Why won't the  
doors lock?

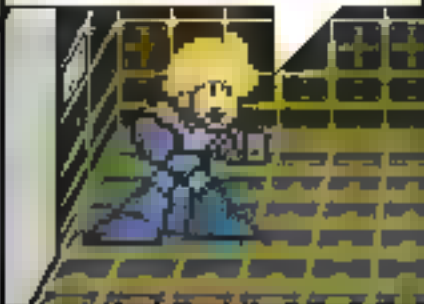
Attention all robots:

This is George. Please  
come to the training  
room. X has something  
cool to show you.

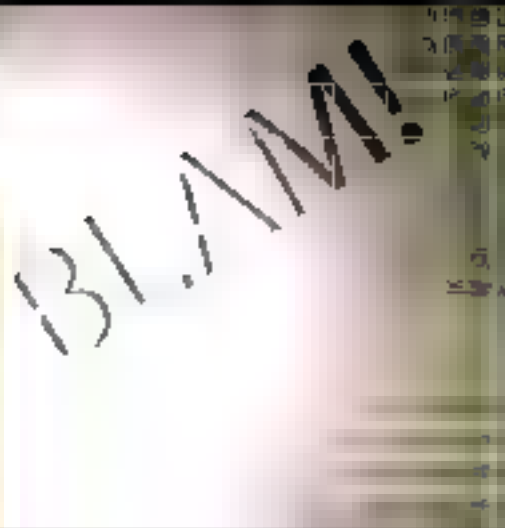
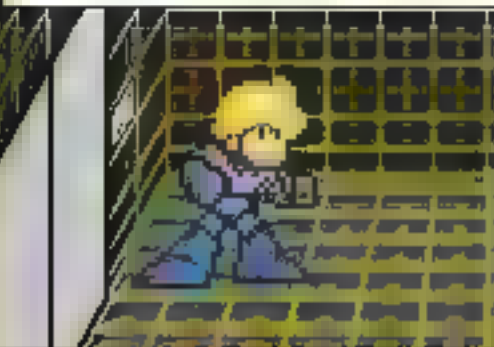
Wow, do I really  
sound that nasally?



Ha I've jury rigged the doors closed. Let's see you get any hapless victims in here now.

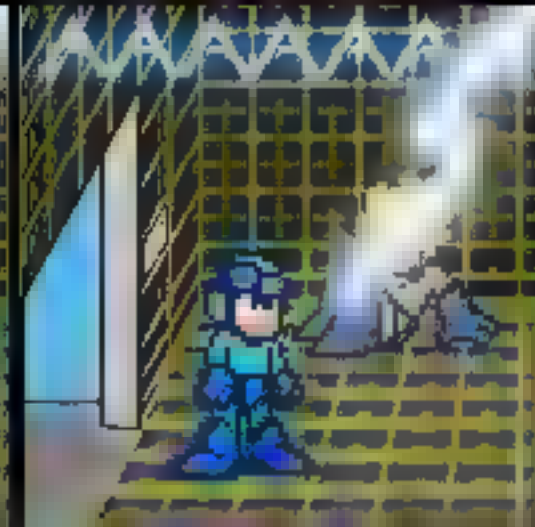
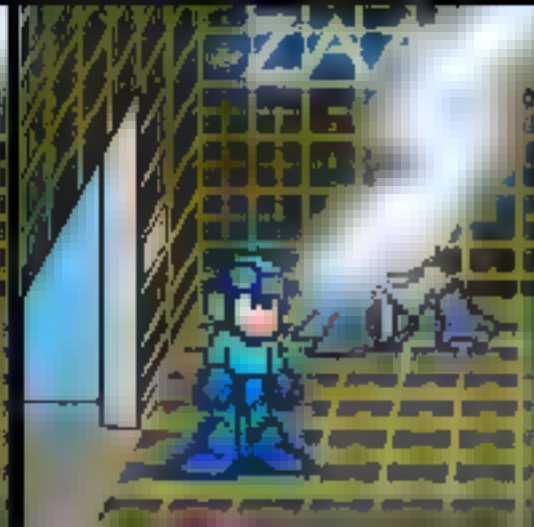


Attention all robots. Please come to the training room. There will be ice cream.



Me first.





What's going on?

X is taking over every  
one's minds and forcing  
them to be his friends.



He can do that?

Apparently but he's not  
interested in you because  
he thinks you're too dumb

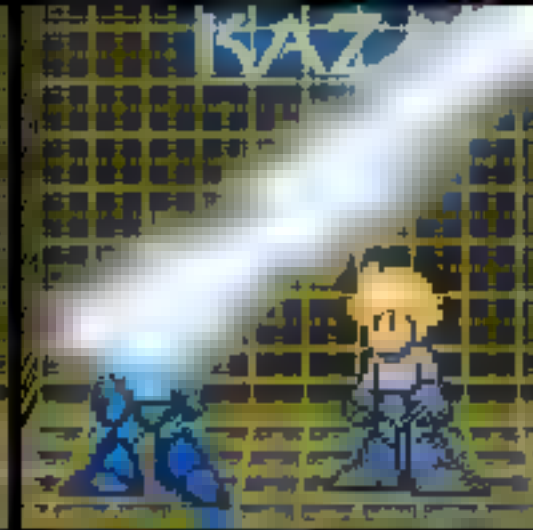



Ice cream! Wo



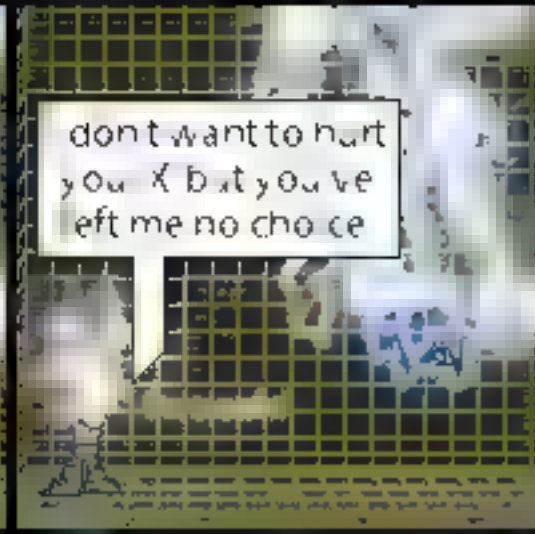
Oh, sure. You take  
him but not me.









X, this has gone too far  
Release everyone or else



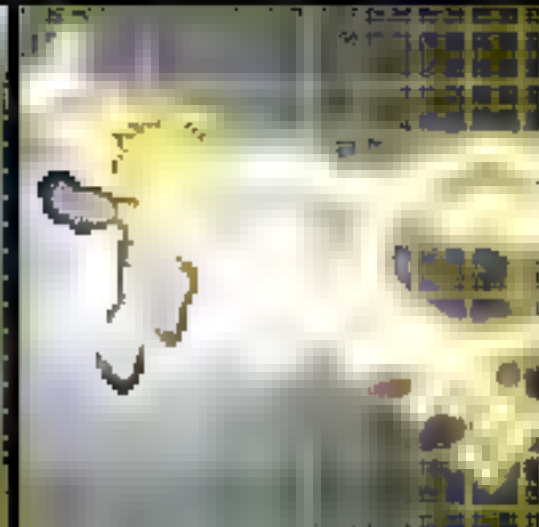
don't want to hurt  
you X but you've  
left me no choice



Let everyone go or  
I'll get you up like  
a Christmas tree



I hate that name





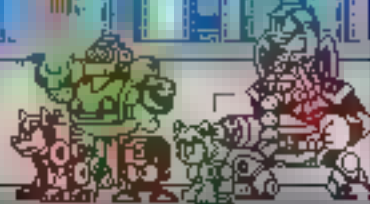
Dr. Light

George what's wrong?

I sure hope you've come up with something here because X has already taken control of all the robots in the lab

All of them? Even the support units?

Okay all of the *important* robots.





So X has shields now...  
there goes my first idea

What idea was that?

I was thinking we could  
use an electromagnetic  
pulse to knock him out

But if we can't get past  
those shields, an EMP  
will be totally useless.

But if only we could get  
through those shields...

Hey, is everyone out  
there getting all this?



So if the EMP was your first idea did you have others?

Yes. If all else fails, I set the lab to self destruct

What?! But that will kill all the robots, not just X.

So? I can rebuild most of them.

I mean, sure I haven't backed up Proto Man in years and Nate and

This is the stupidest id-

...screwed. but Roll

Wait That's it And it's just stupidest enough to work.

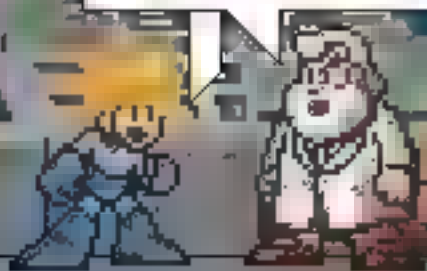
What's this all about?

I just realized. X does have a weakness.



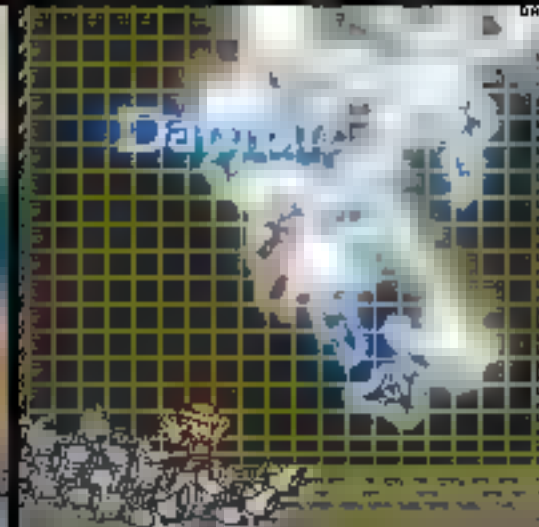
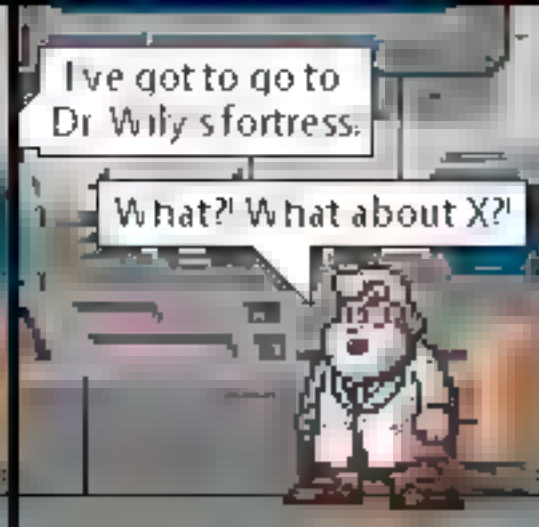
And I know exactly how to exploit it

Are you all right? Do you need any help?



There's only one robot who can help me





DING DONG!  
DING DONG!

I'll get it.



Yes?

Um, Dr. Willy?

Don't I know you?



Yeah. I'm George one of Bass's friends. I live over at Dr. Light's lab



Ah yes, I didn't recognize you since you weren't hanging from my ceiling



Let me get this straight  
Tom's built a new robot  
that's gone berserk and  
you need Bass's help?



Yeah pretty much

Okay then Bass is  
upstairs in his room.



What? Really? Why?

Let's just say that  
I feel somewhat  
responsible for this.



Drink. Drink. Drink.

I don't wanna

Drink it you pussy



Why does this hotdog  
say "M-8-0" on it?



Are you sure this is a  
good idea? I kinda need  
him for this storyline

Meh Dr Wily will probably  
be able to rebuild him.



It's just not the same  
without Chadinq...



Drink. Drink. Drink.

I think we had eno

Drink it you pussy



Let me get this straight X has already assimilated every robot in the lab and when I go in there he's going to assimilate me too. But when that happens, because I'm stupid, it will cause him to malfunction and shut down.

Yeah pretty much.

And what happens to all of the robots he's assimilated?

Well, I assume they would all return to their own bodies.

But you're talking about a major catastrophic error. That kind of crash would erase his memory and every absorbed personality would probably be wiped out like unplugging a computer without saving first.

Well I guess I hadn't...

LET'S DO IT



I'm back X, and now...  
now... Where's Ran?



What?! How's that  
even possible?



After being rescued  
by the regeneration  
initially, he had been  
reborn as Klonal.  
Dr. Cosack's son  
had assimilated him  
at the regeneration point  
directly.

You... you can do that?





Wait a minute. How do you just suddenly start... where are the Ran bodies?



I moved them.

How did you do that?!



So in other words, you can now take control of any robot anywhere?



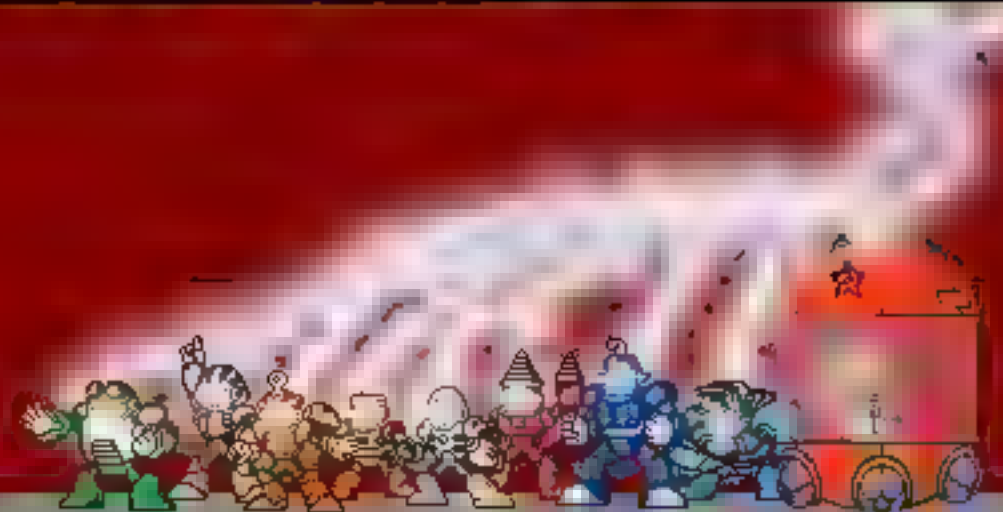
Precisely.

Well, there's only one thing I can say about that.



Это плохо, да?

Да.



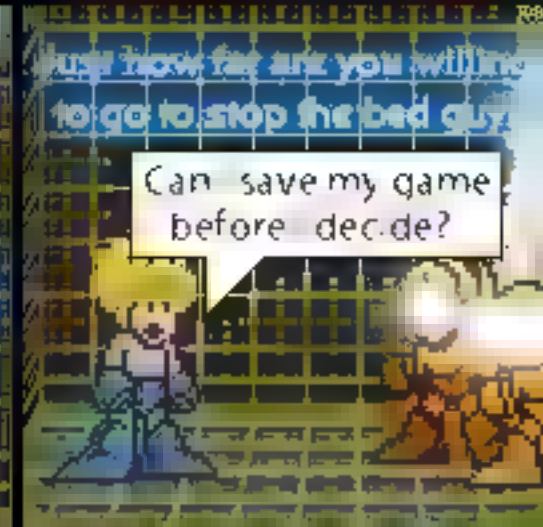
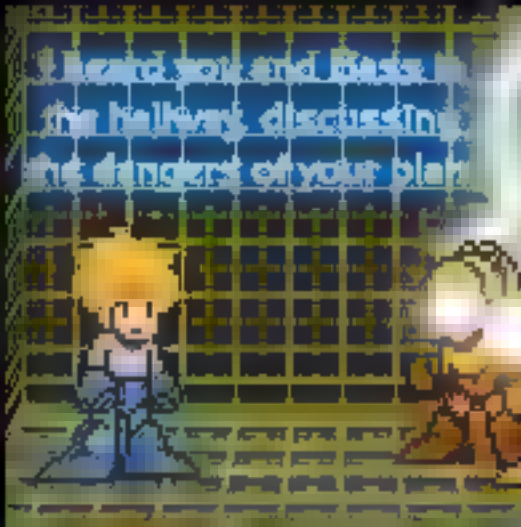
Oh, by the way, George,  
your little plan with Basil  
isn't going to work.

What? How do you  
know about that?

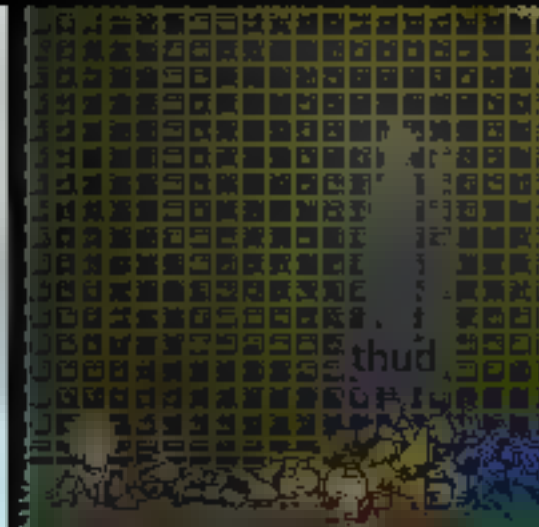
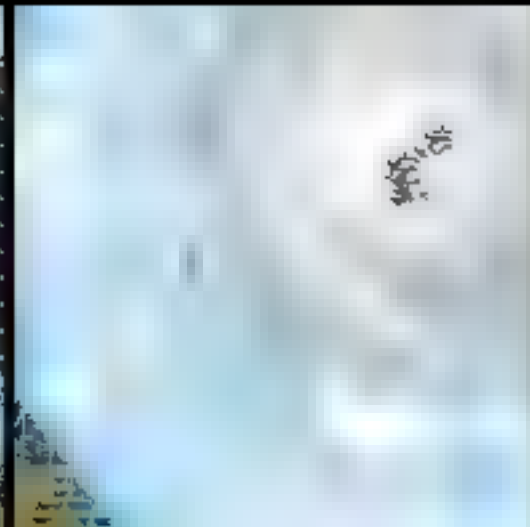
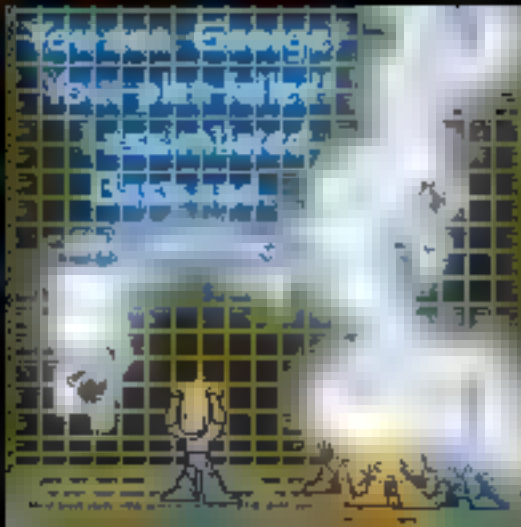
George?  
My computer  
has heard  
and Dr. Lion

can hear Basil in  
the hallway right now,  
talking to the wall.

What?  
Right in the  
earlier today,  
the way they

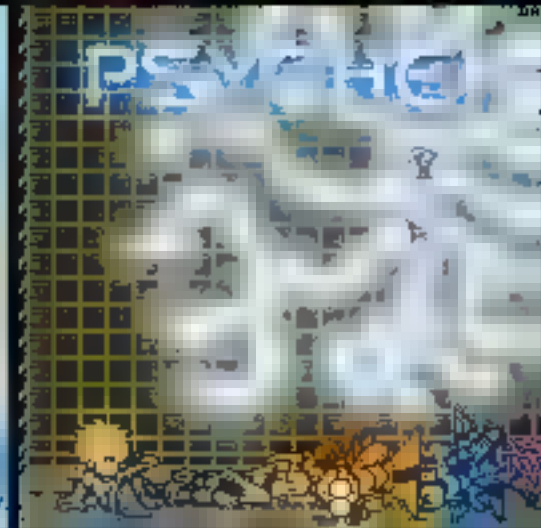




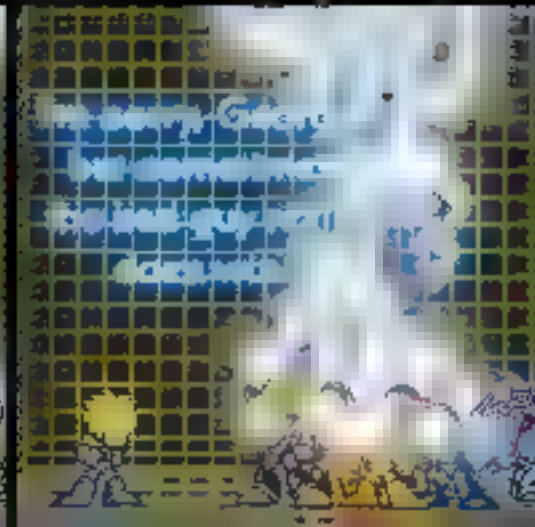
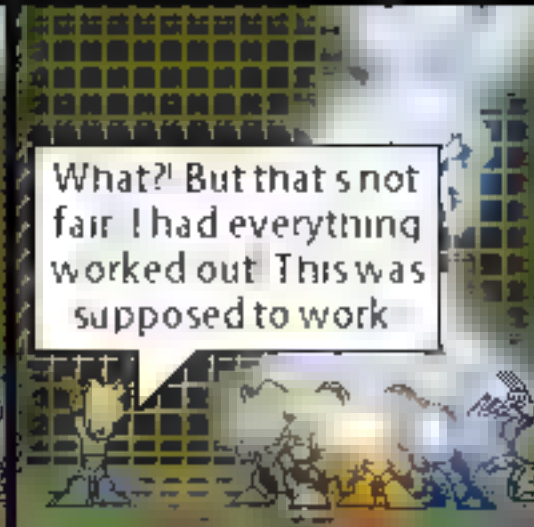


Oh my god... what have  
done? never meant  
for this to happen...

Yes, X?



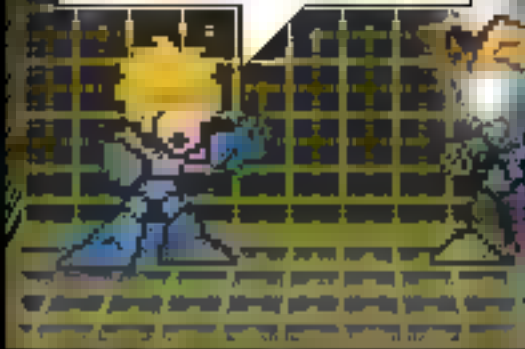




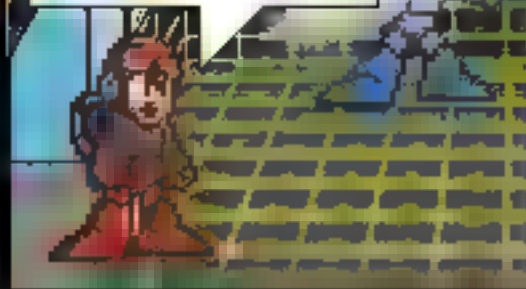
This absolutely sucks balls. The EMP won't work because you have shields, Bass's stupidity didn't work because you adapted, and I bet the self-destruct plan won't work because you have control of the lab's computer systems. How can this possibly get any



No. Wait. I didn't say it. It doesn't count if I didn't actually say it.



What in the hell is going on in here?!



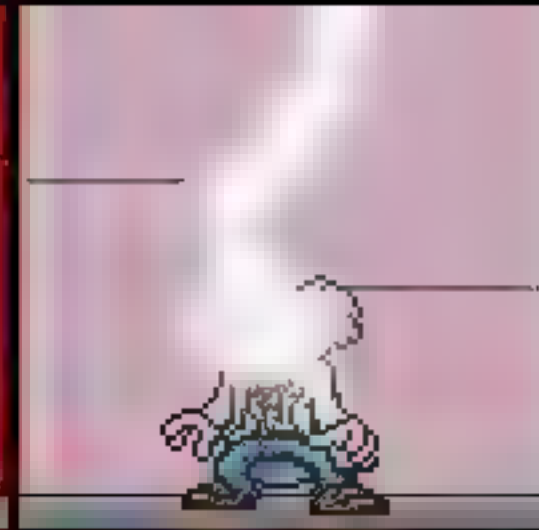
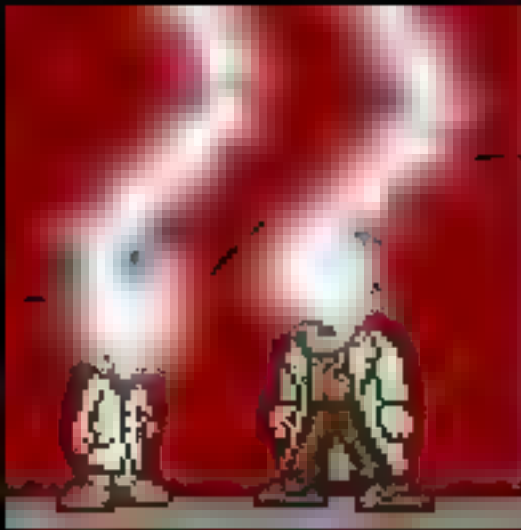



Oh Hee-hee  
In sticks.

Ow That kinda  
hurts. Don't do


Family.com  
Thank D

Family.com  
Thank D






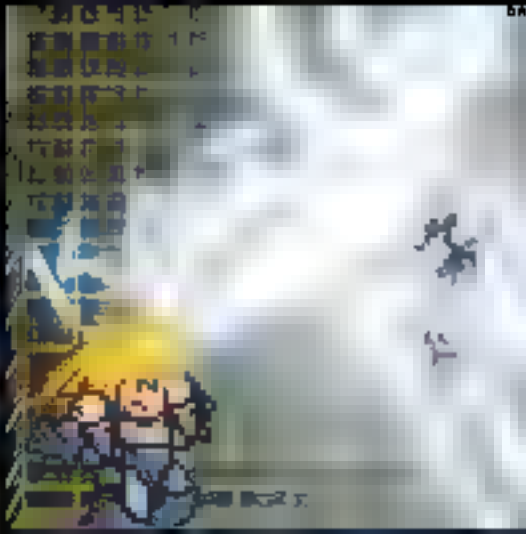
X, you're crazy. What are you going to do assimilate every single person on the planet?

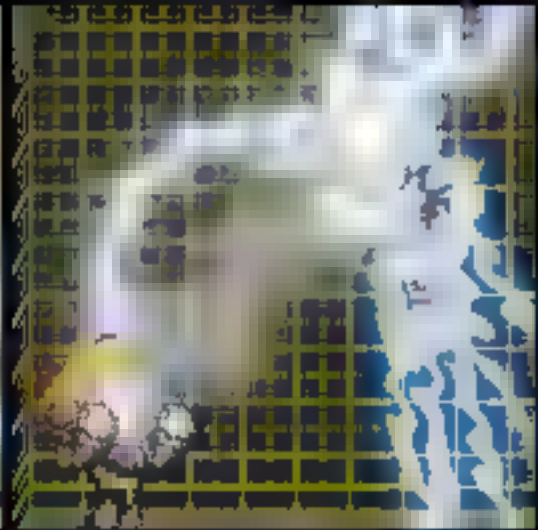


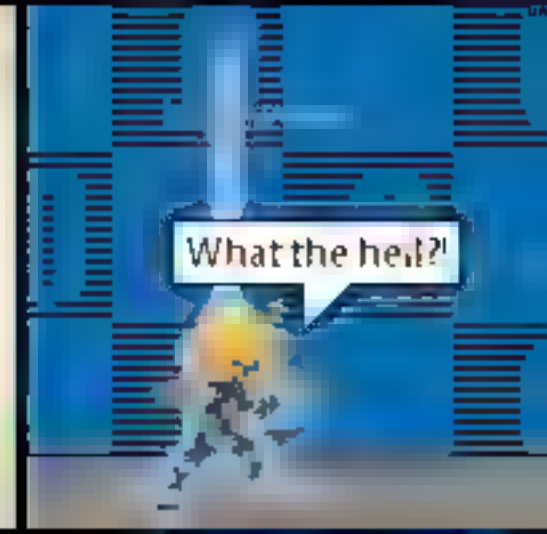
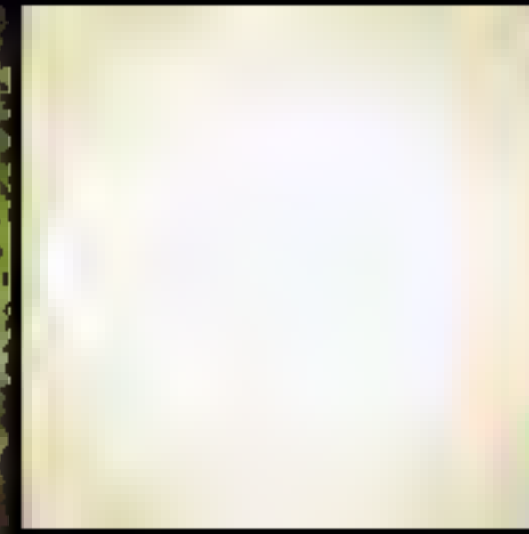
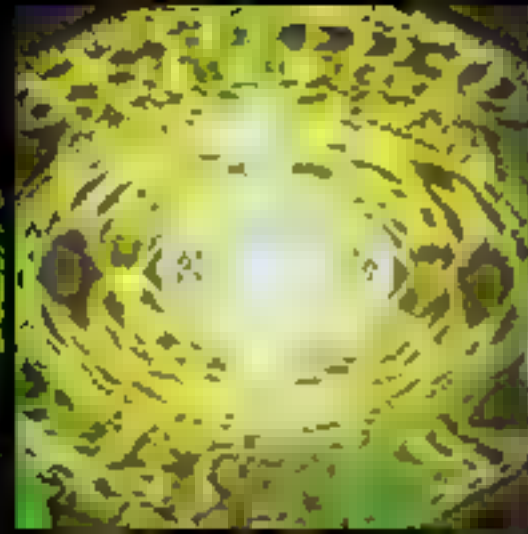
Why? What for? Just so everyone will be your "friend"? This isn't how friendship works.




If you do this, X, any chance for friendship will be over. I will do everything in my power to stop you.









What the... where  
the... what's going  
on around here?!

Hold it right there friend

I said, hold it

Hunh? Mega Man?

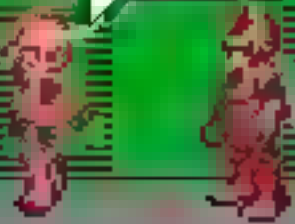
Oh yes, just what  
the comic needs now  
Mega Man clones.

What do you see Roll?

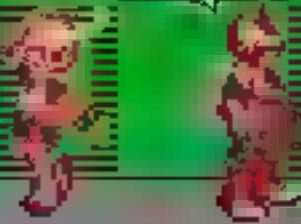
It looks like someone else has come through the portal



Uh oh... looks like the goon squad's assembled  
Better get down there



Think I should take Chadling?



Nah... ever since he found out there's no ice cream here he's been completely despondent

WHY GOD WHY?!



Look guys, I don't really  
want to hurt any of you  
so I would suggest...



George?




George?

Proto Man?

Nice hair







Okay let's get going

What? Right now?  
What's going on?


I'll tell you later Right  
now we have to get out  
of here before more of  
those clones show up

Yeah, but...

No buts, George They'll  
start coming in droves  
soon enough, and I can  
only defeat so many of  
them by myself. So we  
have to go. now

Fine but wherever we're  
going, there'd better be  
some freaking ice cream.

Um...



So I know we're in X's head, but this isn't quite what I was expecting. What's going on here?

Near as we've been able to tell, this is some sort of complicated Matrix-y computer program.

We?

Yes, some of us have evaded capture and...

Wait... which Matrix movie?

The good one

Here we are As I was saying some of us have evaded capture and we formed a resistance cell



What happens if you get captured?

We're not sure but we think anyone captured gets their personality completely absorbed



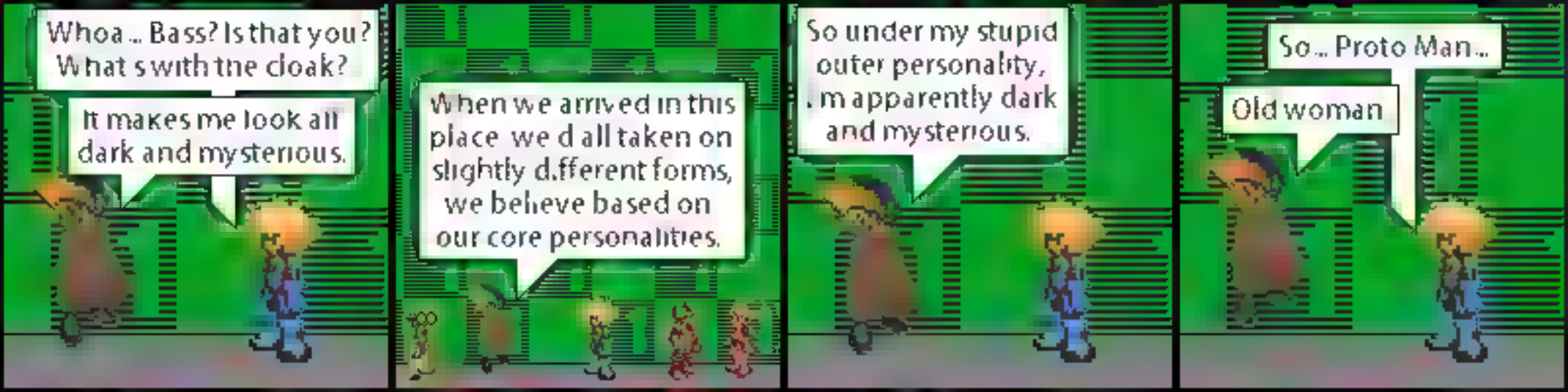
We believe that's what happened to Mega Man, which explains all of the clones running around



If Mega Man gets to be Agent Smith can I be Neo?

Only if I get to be Morpheus.





Whoa... Bass? Is that you?  
What's with the cloak?

It makes me look all  
dark and mysterious.

When we arrived in this  
place we'd all taken on  
slightly different forms,  
we believe based on  
our core personalities.

So under my stupid  
outer personality,  
I'm apparently dark  
and mysterious.

So... Proto Man...

Old woman

I'm still a little confused here. I thought you guys already got assimilated. How can you be running around inside X's head?

Oh, it's really quite simple. You see, X was only able to initially assimilate our outer personalities. Our core personalities were able to wrench free of the assimilation process and incorporate themselves into these forms.

Holy crap! Nate can talk in here?!

Happy Birthday, Dave!

Where the f--- is everyone?!



As I was saying, our core personalities have thus far evaded further assimilation. However, if Best Friend captures us in here, he can finish the assimilation process and completely rob us of our individuality.



Best Friend?

Oh, yes, sorry. In here we refer to X as "Best Friend".



Wait, is this a Matrix rip-off or a 1984 parody?

Hey anybody want some soma?





So what's the plan?

Plan? What plan?

Well surely you've worked out some sort of plan for defeating X and getting yourselves out of here

Not really. We've simply been too busy. We've been evading capture f...

Hey don't forget the bitching and moaning. We do lots of that too.



Okay look. The one thing I know about situations like this is that you can't just stand around waiting to get captured

What you have to do is marshal all of your forces together for one massive final full-frontal attack

Granted, most of the attacking force will die in the attempt, but isn't that better than getting picked off one by one?

No

Nope

No

Not really

Doesn't matter. You  
just stay here. X will  
actually find you and  
you're all done.

Hey guys...



Not now Chadling  
The adults are talking

not against  
en clones

is a  
high

But...

Not now Chadling



How long do you  
think X will sit idly by  
if you thwart him?  
When he gets serious  
about this, it's over.



Um... hey can you guys  
come back later? They're  
kinda busy right now



ATTENTION THIS  
IS THE FRIEND POLICE  
SURRENDER AND YOU  
WILL NOT BE HARMED

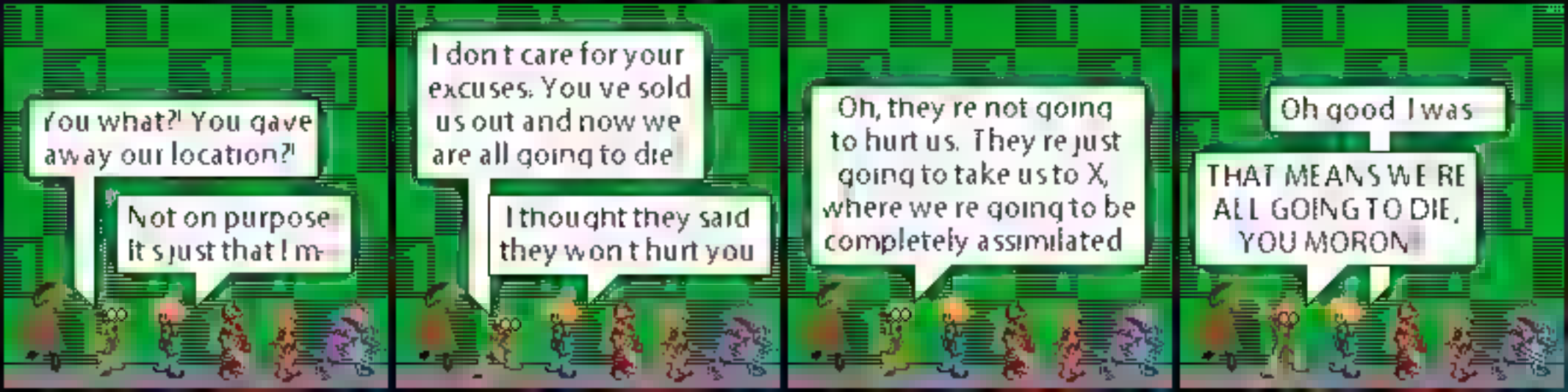
Oh crap It's the clones!  
How did they find us?

You mean aside from  
the fact that we've just  
been arguing loudly in  
this large open space?

And aside from the fact  
that all this time your  
group hasn't made any  
attempt to actually hide?

Yes, aside from all that

It's probably because  
my EM signature is  
lighting this place up  
like a giant beacon



You what? You gave away our location?

Not on purpose  
It's just that I m-


I don't care for your excuses. You've sold us out and now we are all going to die

I thought they said they won't hurt you

Oh, they're not going to hurt us. They're just going to take us to X, where we're going to be completely assimilated

Oh good I was

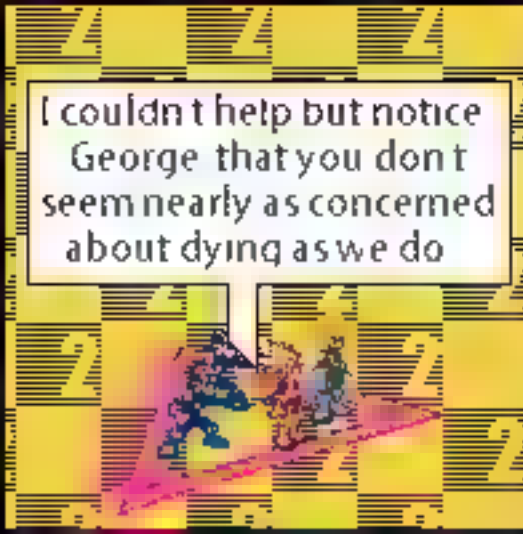
THAT MEANS WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE, YOU MORON




So what do we do? Do we fight back and probably die or surrender and definitely die?

I SAY WE FIGHT!!

Surrender it is.


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I couldn't help but notice  
George that you don't  
seem nearly as concerned  
about dying as we do

A comic strip panel with a yellow and black checkered background. The same two characters are on the path. The blue character is speaking.


I'm not. Part of it is that I  
came in here on purpose

On purpose? You  
got yourself assim-  
ilated on purpose?

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Yeah I knew X would try  
to assimilate me event-  
ually so I had a plan

You have a plan?

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No I *had* a plan. Ending  
up in a bad parody of the  
Matrix wasn't a part of it



So now what?

Now we go to see X and  
I find out what in the hell  
is going on around here

Hey you two No talking


Why not?

Because I said so

That's hardly a good  
reason After all, how do  
we know you have the  
proper authority to give  
that kind of order?


I'm sorry I misspoke  
Let me try again

My blaster says so




Here we are And  
watch your step

Wh...where are we?



I present to you...

THE GREAT AND  
POWERFUL X.



I don't think we're  
in Kansas anymore...






I was a little lost at first  
then I got held up by the  
resistance fighters here



I thought you'd be taller



So what is this place?  
I've been inside elec-  
trical systems before


but I've never seen  
anything like this...

Everything you see here  
is a part of the system  
that's keeping the city  
alive. It's the heart of the  
city, the brain, the soul.

implant

Hey when you two are  
done do you think one  
of you could explain to

the rest of us what the  
hell is going on here?!

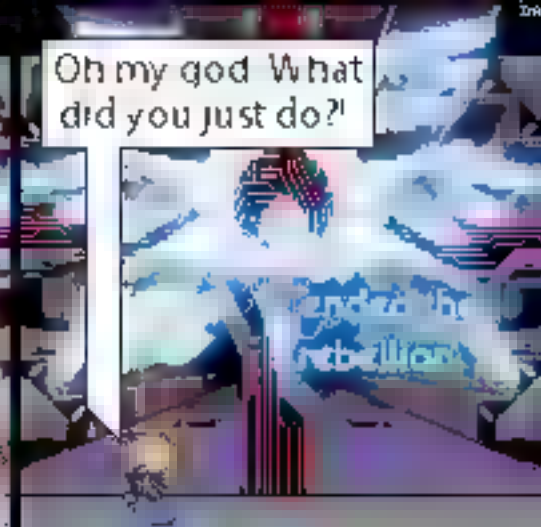
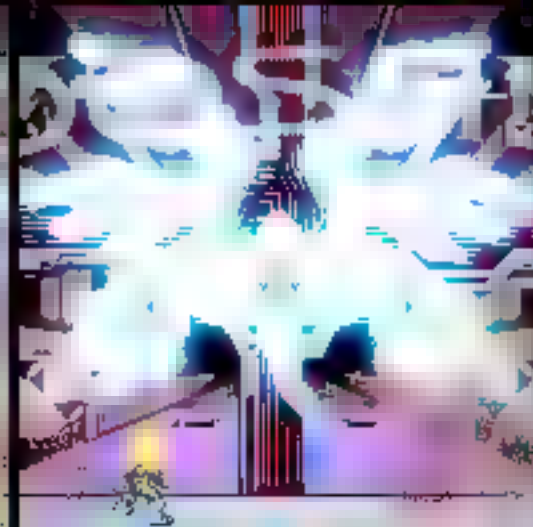
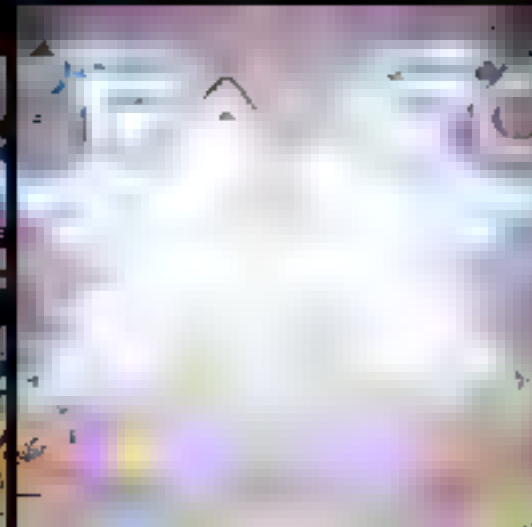


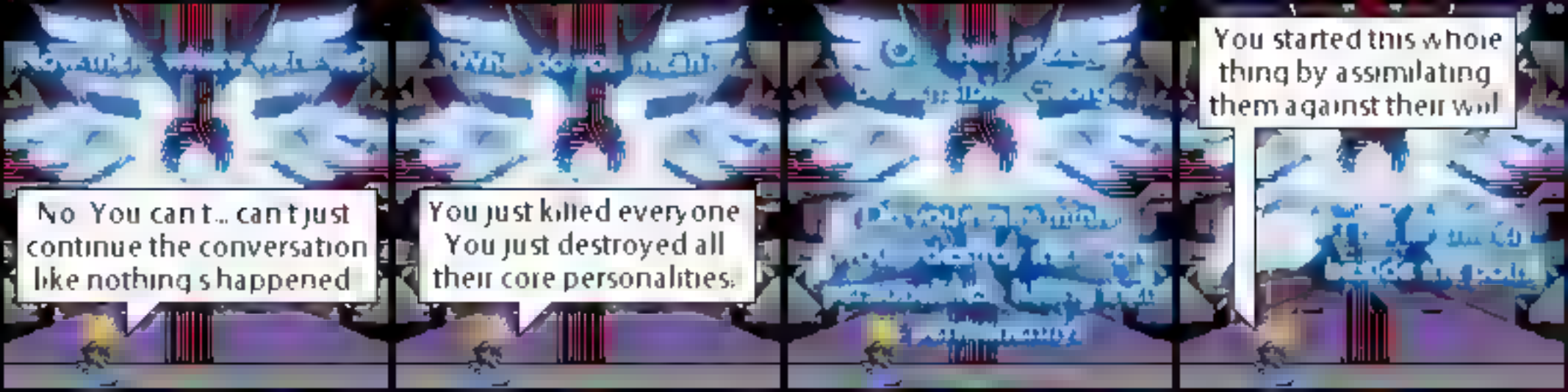
I tried, but I kept  
getting interrupted

And frankly I'm not  
sure I understand  
anything myself

Oh god... not another  
week of exposition...

See? Can't explain  
anything without  
being interrupted






No You cant... cant just  
continue the conversation  
like nothing s happened

You just killed everyone  
You just destroyed all  
their core personalities.

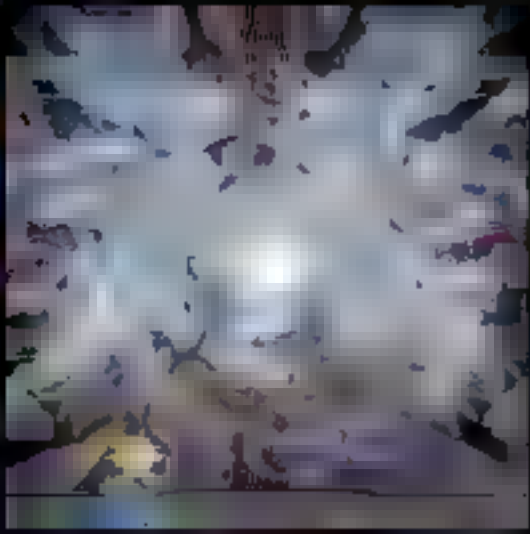
You started this whole  
thing by assimilating  
them against their will

Game? You mean  
this was all just some  
elaborate game?!







I don't believe you  
I want to talk to the  
core personalities.



Where am I?



This is the virtual  
equivalent of my  
main CPU and  
memory storage.



A Pentium processor?  
No wonder you're evil

So...this is really your core?

Yes. The crystal is essentially my hard drive.

So... if I were to release an EMP in here, you'd be pretty screwed huh?

Yes, but you won't do that.

Oh? Why's that?

The crystal also holds the personalities of all of your friends.

What part of "I will do everything in my power to stop you" didn't you understand?



You would willingly  
sacrifice your friends  
just to stop me?

Yes, if it comes down to it

And what about all the  
humans I've assimilated?

What? What  
do you mean?

Where did you think I'm  
storing the souls of the  
people I've assimilated?

You're assimilating souls?

Yes, and near the  
exchange rate in  
hell is pretty good

Human. Perhaps you  
aren't quite the right word.  
"Consciousness" might  
be more apt in this case.

Human consciousness  
is nothing more than a  
complicated electrical  
signal, like the personal  
ties of your robot friends.

So, you see, if you  
destroy the crystal,  
not only do you kill  
your friends, but you  
kill all the humans I've  
assimilated as well.

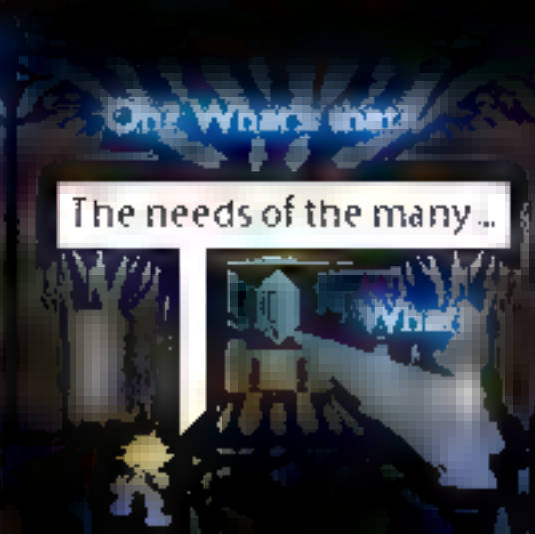
Are you really willing  
to kill all those people  
just to stop me?

I don't like this  
storyline anymore



So, how about it, George?  
Are you going to become a  
murderer just to stop me?

There's something you  
haven't considered yet



The needs of the many...

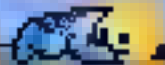


One whole man...



The needs of the many...

Did it work? Am I back?  
Is everyone... oh no...



Just k l h me now...



Welcome to the  
**FIRST ANNUAL  
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Hosted by the Mysterious Mr. X



Welcome ladies  
and gentlemen,  
to the First Annual  
Robot Tournament



I am your generous  
benefactor the  
mysterious Mr. X.



Tonight we will watch the  
world's greatest robots  
duke it out to see who is  
the greatest of them all



And with any luck no  
fortresses will be blown  
up by the end of night

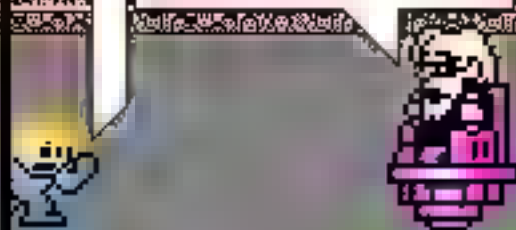


Now before we bring  
out the contestants, let  
me introduce tonight's  
referee the mysterious  
visitor from beyond...



Hold it right there

Whoa Who're you?




My name's George  
and I'm here to tell you  
the jig is up Dr Wily

Wha wha what?!




I suppose you don't  
recognize me since  
I'm not hanging from  
your ceiling right?






Kid I don't know  
what you think is  
going on, but...



Oh good Mega Man  
What's going on here?

It's really quite simple



This "Mysterious Mr. X" is actually Dr. Wily  
He staged this whole tournament to get his  
hands on the world's most powerful robots  
and use them to take over the world

You call that simple?

You tell a good story  
kid, but how could you  
possibly know all this?

It's a long story. The  
short version is that  
I'm from the future.

And before you ask,  
no, I don't give a rat's  
ass about disrupting  
the future timeline.

I've had a bad day  
and the space-time  
continuum can  
just kiss my ass.



Hah Lovely From  
the future eh? And  
who's the President  
in the future hmmm?



Who're you going to  
believe Mega Man?  
This kid claiming to  
be from the future?

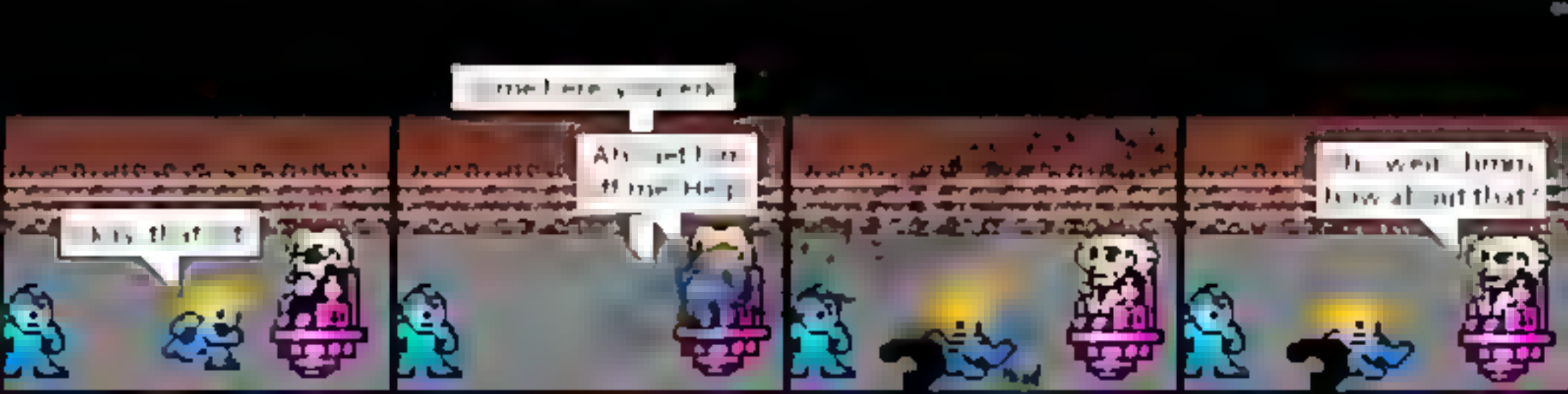


Or me the generous,  
yet mysterious and  
until recently unknown  
philanthropist Mr X?



He's got you  
there mister





Fine so you uncovered my nefarious plans. Unfortunately for you I've already taken control of the robot participants.



First let me introduce.

NO No stupid introductions, no stupid personalities, no one-on-one fights.



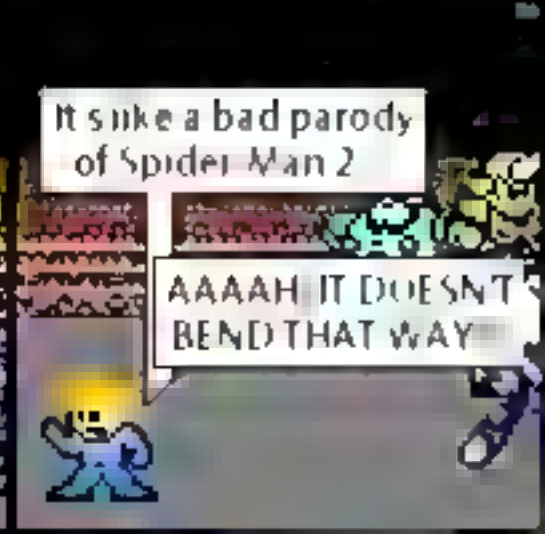
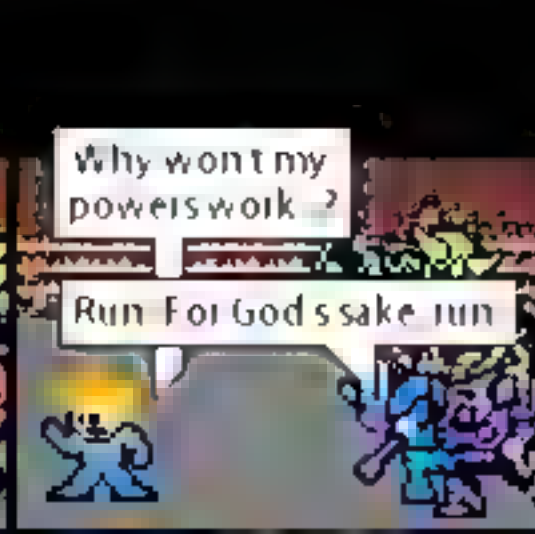
If you're going to attack us with your robots, just freaking do it already just get it over with



You know you really take all the fun out of global domination







What's the matter kid?  
Performance anxiety?

Shut up wily

Don't worry it happens to lots of guys.

Shut up

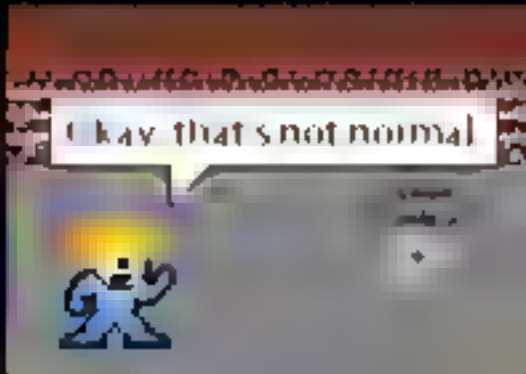
I think they make a pill.

SHUT UP YOU  
OLD BALD

Oh, hey there we go

Now let's see how time  
w/ l. be affected if doly  
dies a little early

Get him Get him



What did you just do?!

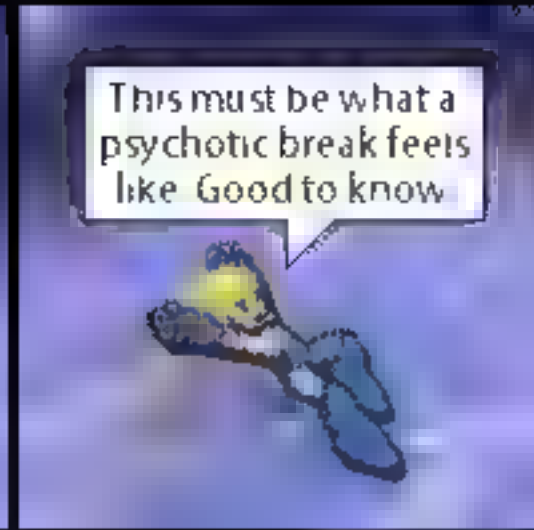
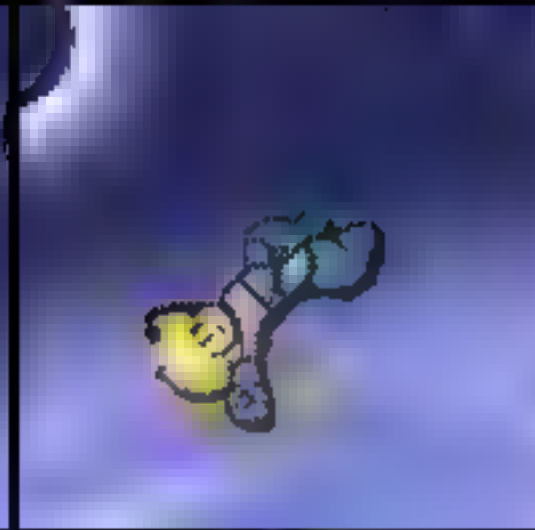
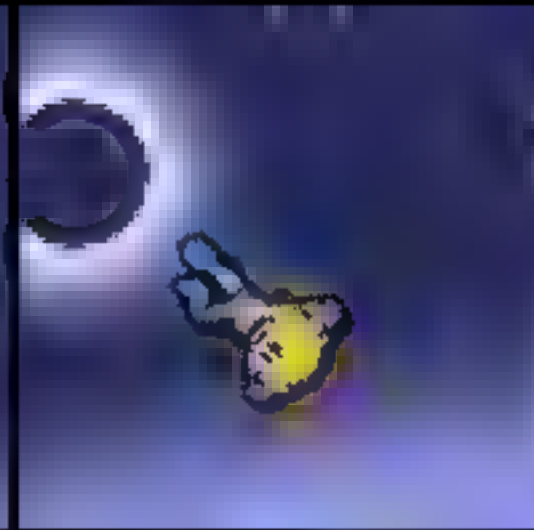
I... I don't know...

Liar! Get him! Kill him!

AAAHH

I really hope this  
is just another drug-  
induced coma...





George

Dr Light? What are you doing here? What's going on?

Isn't it obvious? You're still inside X's mind

What? But the EMP...

The EMP didn't destroy X. He took precautions against such an action

Oh...

Uh... sorry for trying to sacrifice your souls for the greater good

S alright

So... if I m... if we re still in  
X's mind, where are we?

This is X's main memory  
core where he's storing  
all the core personalities.



And the souls, too, right?  
How is that even possible?

What we call a "soul"  
is really just a complex  
electrical pattern



All you need to hold that  
pattern is enough storage  
capacity Utilizing the  
latest advances in optical  
technology plus a few



Oh my god Think  
of all the porn you  
could download



George please focus.

Right right so we re  
in the memory core  
How did I get here?

The last thing I remember  
was being stuck in the  
past and then all hell br

That was a simulation

It was being run directly  
in the memory core so  
when it collapsed, due  
to your electrical surges,  
you ended up here

So.. in other words, it  
was all just a bad dream?

Actually it was more like  
a last minute last ditch  
attempt at distraction

What? A distraction?

Well, the EMP didn't destroy X, but it did deal him quite a bit of damage

He knew another EMP in his weakened state might destroy him, so he needed to distract you while he made repairs.

He thought placing you in your worst nightmare time traveling into yet another game parody would keep you busy

But he didn't expect you to not play by the rules.

Oh, you mean I *wasn't* supposed to rip a hole in the fabric of space-time?

That hole in space-time was actually the simulation program crashing, caused by your electrical powers.

But my powers didn't work.



The program didn't know how to handle the input of your powers into the simulation, so it tried to compensate for them.



When you intensified your powers, it overloaded the program, first causing glitches, such as characters being deleted, before ultimately causing the entire program to crash.

You know you could've just said it was a holodeck malfunction.



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Who... who're you?

Don't you recognize him, George? This is Proto Man's core personality



Proto Man? But... but you look so human

Of course I do. Dr. Light designed me to look this way




In fact, George all of my robots have human-like core personalities.

Even Mega Man?



Especially Mega Man. Could a robot really be that stupid on his own?





Speaking of Mega Man, where is he?

Unfortunately he's been captured by X.

Indeed That's the sole reason the EMP didn't work as expected

Wait wait You were expecting that EMP?

Of course we were

Why else would you get yourself assimilated by X on purpose?

It was your idea



This was all your idea?!


Please let me explain  
My original plan to use  
an EMP against X really  
should have worked

The EMP was supposed  
to just reboot X, releasing  
the personalities he had  
absorbed in the process.  
It should have worked

But... but he told me  
it would kill you all  
He said it'd destroy  
the memory core


What? I'm evil I lied

I hate it when  
villains say that

A comic panel showing three characters in a dark, blue-toned environment. On the left, a character with long, wavy blonde hair and a purple top looks towards the right. In the center, a character with short purple hair and a purple top looks forward. On the right, a character with short blonde hair and a blue top looks towards the center. A large speech bubble from the blonde character on the left contains the text.


We... guess, m not  
technically evil but

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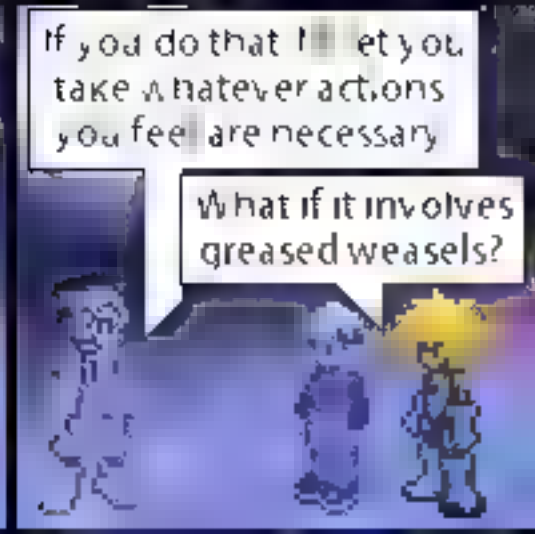
What do you want?

I thought I would try  
to explain my actions.

A comic panel showing the same three characters. The blonde character on the left is speaking. A speech bubble from the purple-haired character in the center contains the text.

Don't you think it's  
a little late for that?

Just hear me out  
that's all I'm asking

A comic panel showing the same three characters. The blonde character on the left is speaking. A speech bubble from the purple-haired character in the center contains the text.

If you do that I let you  
take whatever actions  
you feel are necessary

What if it involves  
greased weasels?

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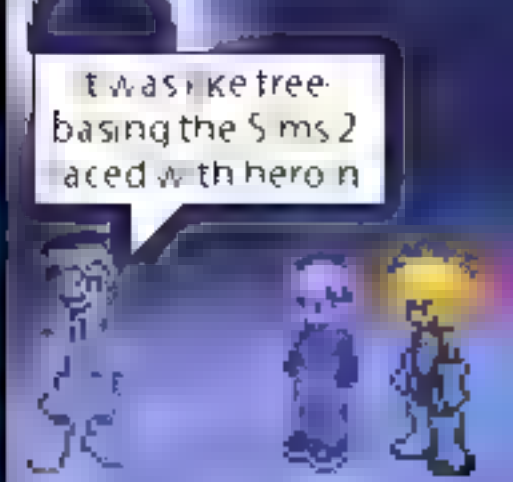
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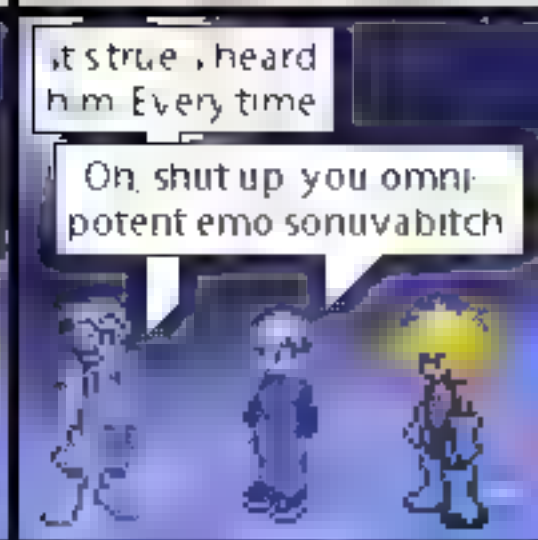
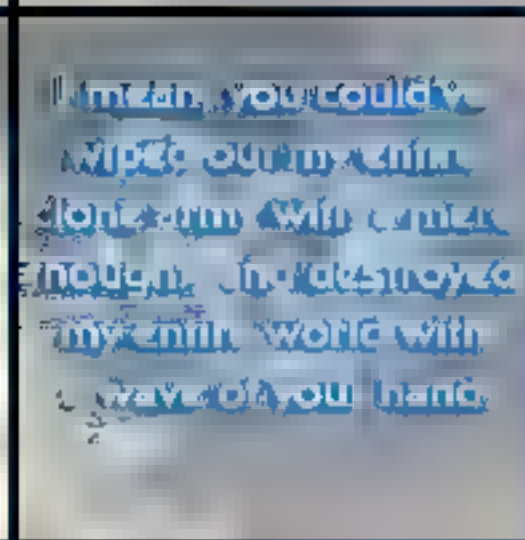
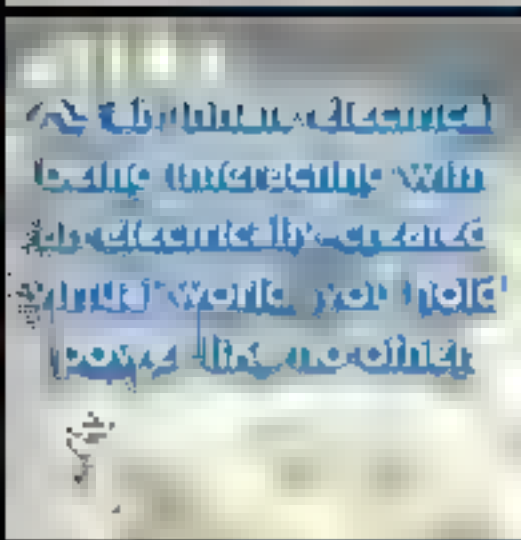
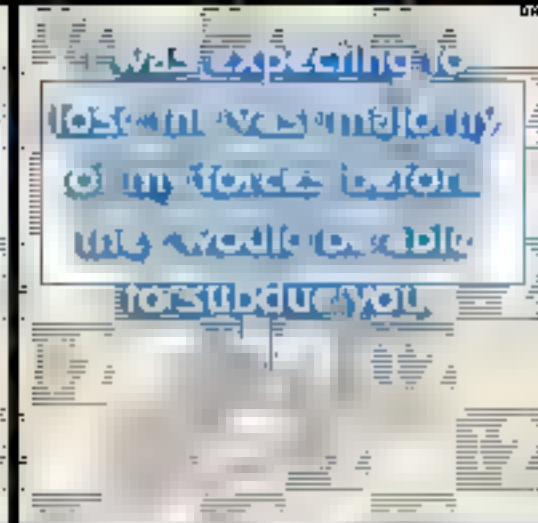
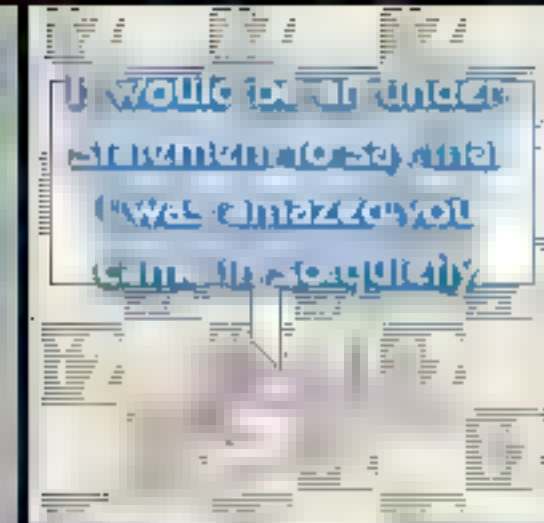
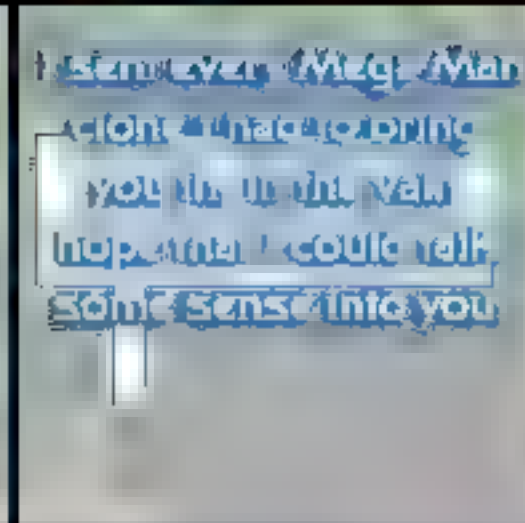
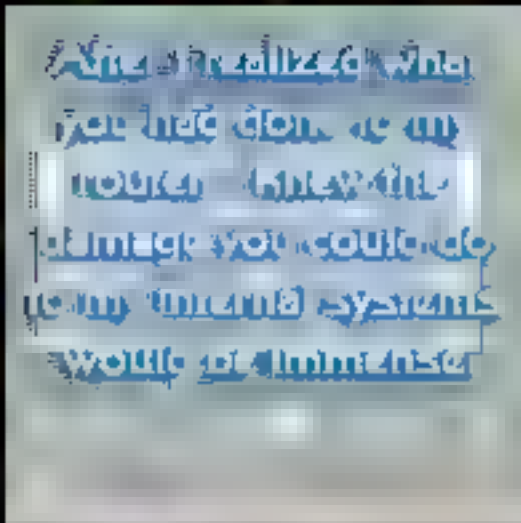
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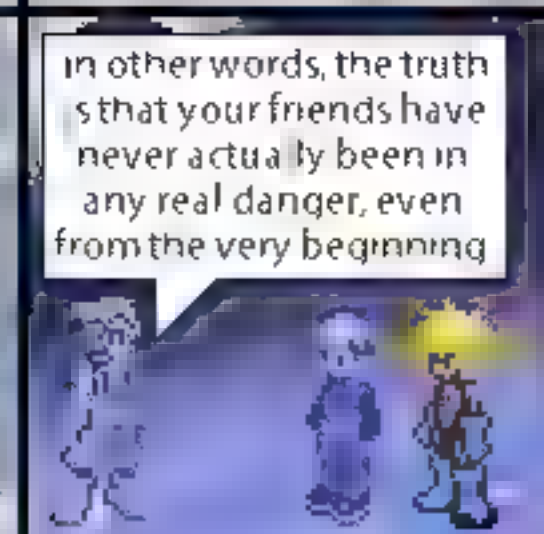
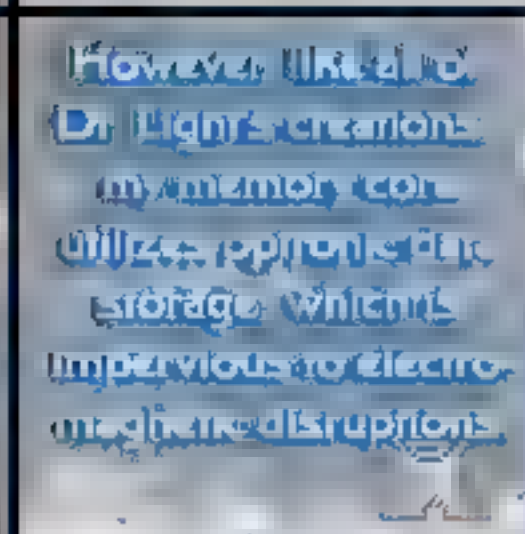
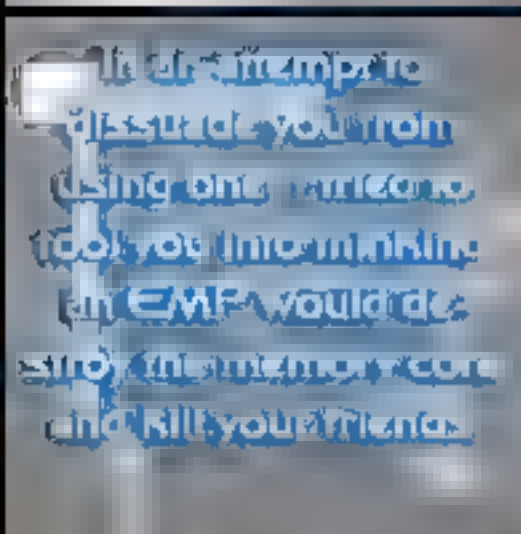
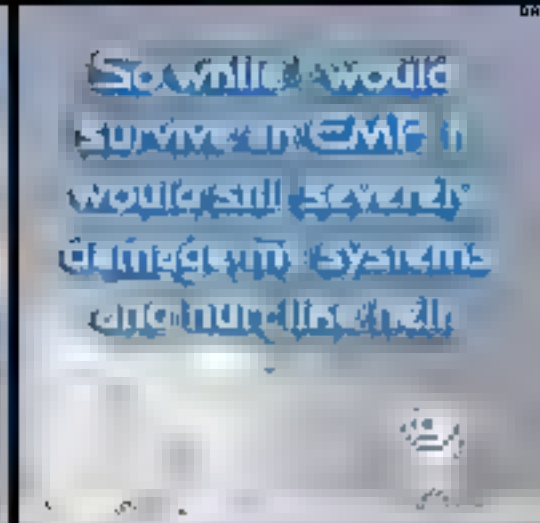
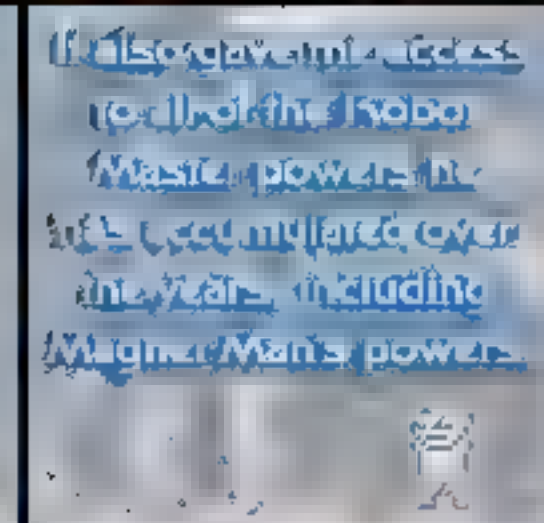
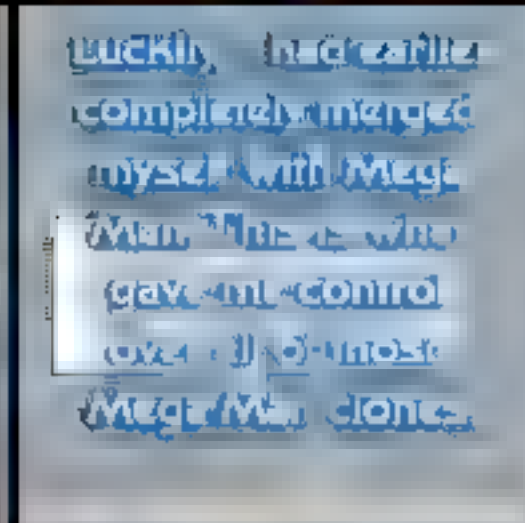
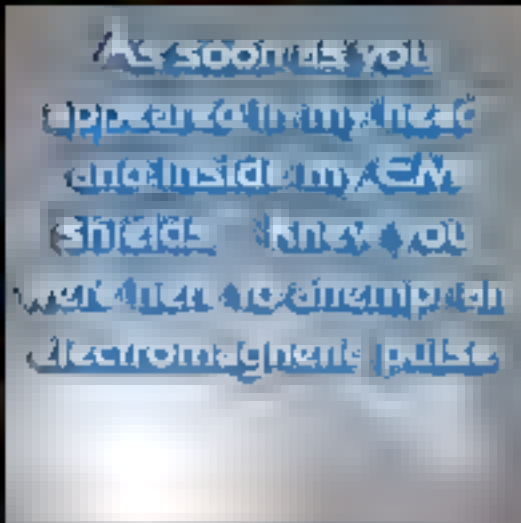
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An yes, a rag-tag  
 group of heroes...  
 The evil overlord's  
 biggest weakness.









I know the story from this point. After the EMP, you were damaged so you stuck me in a simulation while you made repairs.

And I suppose this is the part where you beg me not to kick your ass, right?

Actually, this is the part where I ask you to leave.

Leave? Hah. What in the hell makes you think I'll do that?

Because it's the only option left, George.

What? No. You can't do this. Everything was just starting to make sense.

Don't you see George?  
When you destroyed  
X's router you accident-  
ally sealed our fates.



Without that router, X  
couldn't return us to our  
bodies even if he wanted



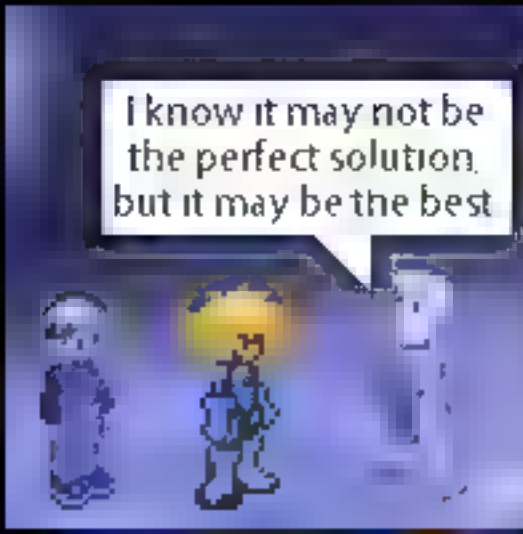
If we tried to leave X  
without the router's  
carrier signal, we would  
lose cohesion and dis-  
perse into the universe




Hah! So if you kill me  
you kill your friends.

And for real this time

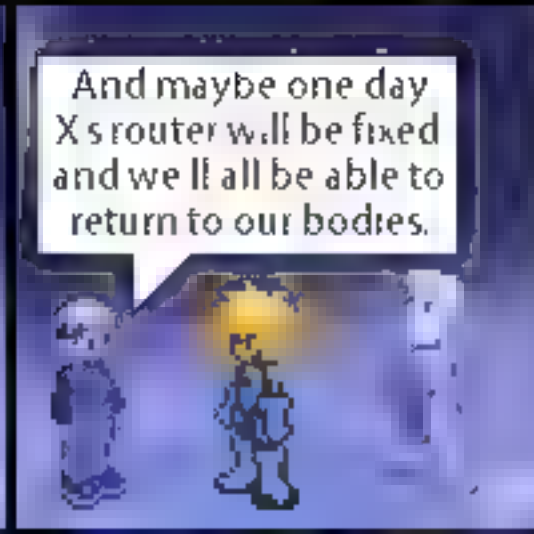


A comic strip panel showing three characters in a dark, blue-toned environment. On the left, a character with a grey head and dark body stands. In the center, a character with a yellow head and blue body stands. On the right, a character with a grey head and light blue body stands. A speech bubble from the central character contains the text.

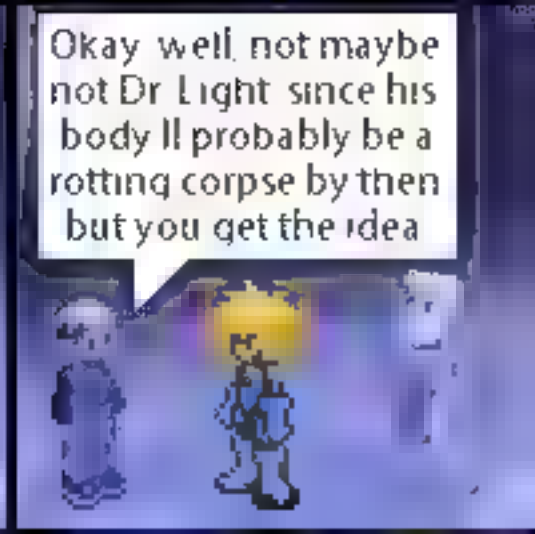
I know it may not be  
the perfect solution,  
but it may be the best

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters in the same environment. A speech bubble from the central character contains the text.

Look at it this way,  
George At least while  
we're in here we're still  
alive and taken care of

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters in the same environment. A speech bubble from the central character contains the text.

And maybe one day  
X's router will be fixed  
and we'll all be able to  
return to our bodies.

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters in the same environment. A speech bubble from the central character contains the text.

Okay well, not maybe  
not Dr Light since his  
body'll probably be a  
rotting corpse by then  
but you get the idea

So... so you just  
want me to leave?

Yeah, pretty much

After all this shit, I'm  
just... I'm just supposed  
to leave and absolutely  
nothing gets resolved?

So what, the comic's just  
going to be me and X  
now, is that it? Who's  
gonna wanna read that?

This is the worst  
storyline ever

Fine fine I'm leaving  
hope you're all happy  
And do you know what  
I'm going to do when  
I get back? Do you?



I'm gonna get myself the biggest largest hugest  
bow of ice cream the world has ever seen And  
I'm not gonna share any of it with any of you.




Especially you X.

Um did he forget...?


Ssh Let the baby  
have his moment






A comic panel with a dark green grid background. In the top left, a small, pixelated figure of a person with a grey head and a blue body is looking towards the right. In the bottom center, a character with spiky yellow hair, a blue shirt, and a purple collar is looking upwards. A white speech bubble with a black border points from the character to the top left.


Oh my god X.  
What happened?  
Where's your head?

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All those things I said  
about killing you. I didn't  
mean any of it. I wouldn't  
knowingly destroy my  
friends just to stop you.

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And I swear I didn't  
mean to blow your  
head off! Honest.

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Given the pattern of  
debris, I'd say you didn't  
just blow his head off.  
You also turned it into  
tiny pieces of shrapnel.





Rush: You're alive.

Last time I checked.

Of course X didn't bother assimilating the support units. He didn't think they were important enough.

Wait... does this mean that the comic's going to have to focus on the support units now? That's gonna blow.

Uh, present company excluded...

Of course.

Well, I guess it won't be  
so bad. You Treble and  
Tango had that whole  
storyline a while back.  
That worked out okay.

True, but you're for-  
getting about Auto.

Oh, right... Auto God.  
I hate him. He's the most  
worthless pile of crap ever.

I stand by what I said.

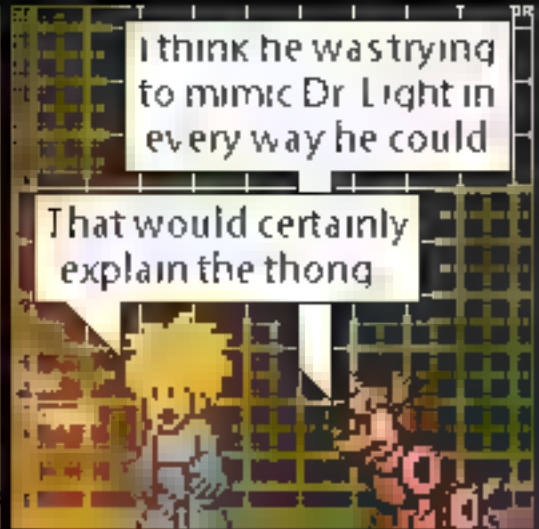
Is he... is he crying?

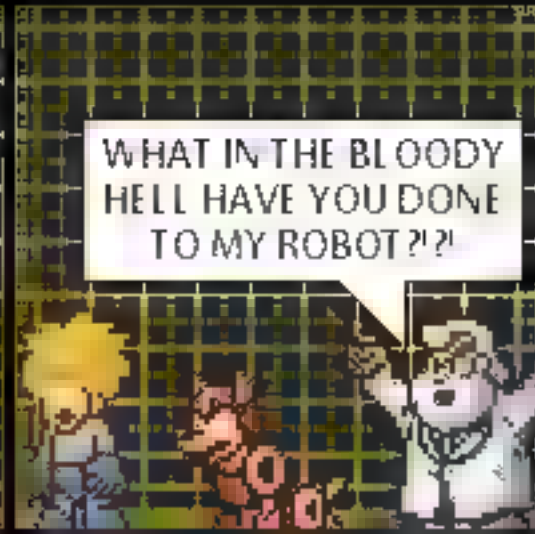
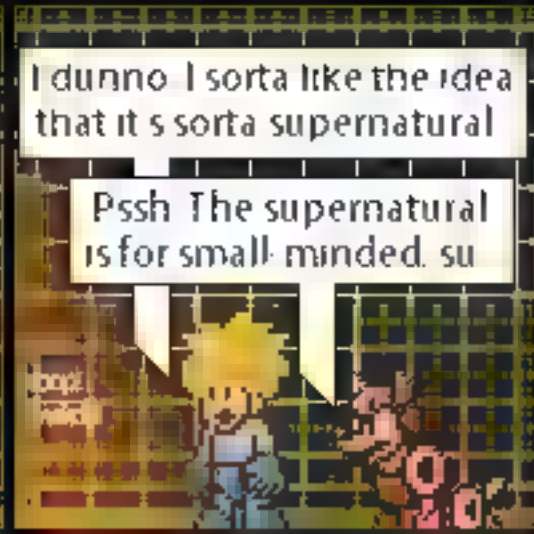
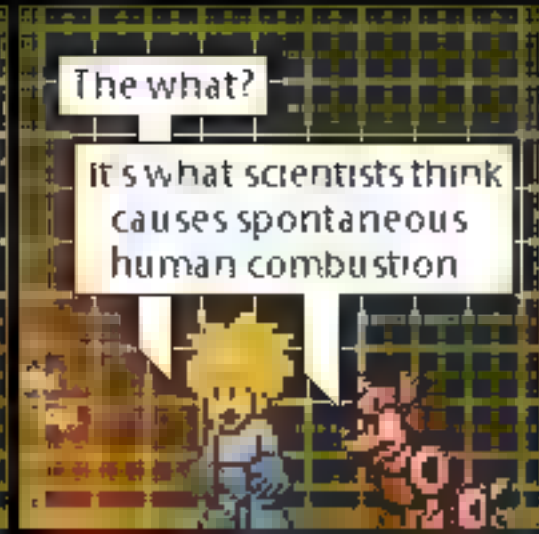
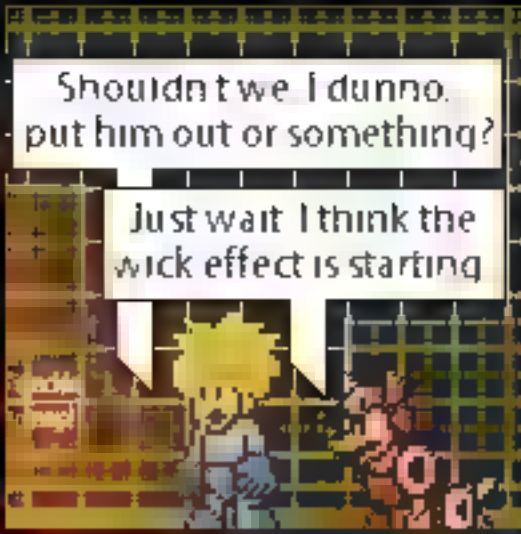
Dr Light designed  
many of his robots  
with the ability to cry

Is it really a good idea to  
design an electrical device  
with the ability to leak  
conductive salt water?

Most of them  
are water proof

Most of them.





Dr Light?! You're alive!

Yes, and no  
thanks to you

First you go and get  
yourself assimilated, then  
you blow out X's router

If I hadn't gotten you  
to leave when you did  
we all would've died

But... but you built  
X in the first place

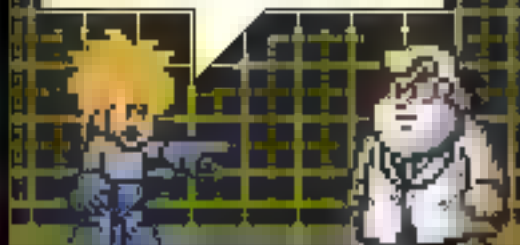
That's not the point



Wait a minute How can you blame any of this on me? You re the one that made him a pacifist

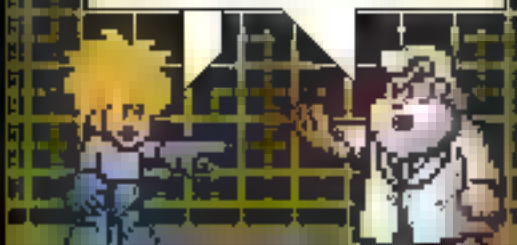


You re the one that made him into an ice cream hating sissy so he wouldn t fit in

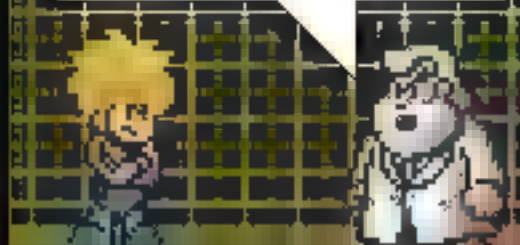


If you hadn t

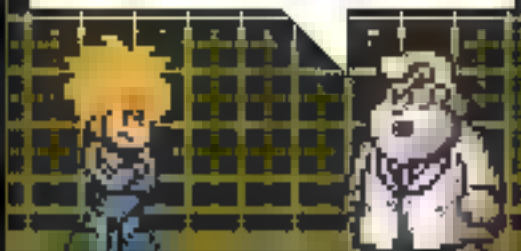
Oh no don t you try to blame this one on me



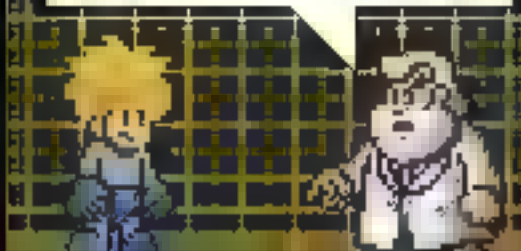
Just because I m the one in charge doesn t mean I m the one responsible



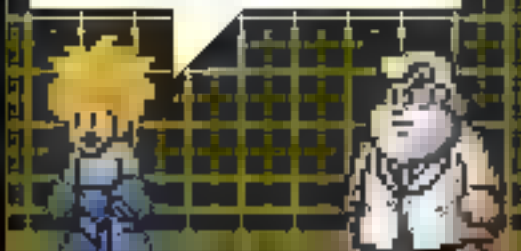
Look I didn't come in here  
to argue about who did or  
didn't almost get us killed



I came in here to find out  
what you did with my...  
Where did my robot go?




Hey yeah... Auto was  
right here And so was  
X... Where did they go?



Damnit It must be  
those damn robot  
gnomes again







Um... robot gnomes?

Yes. Blasted little thieves.

They show up when my back is turned and steal robotic components.

Oh... so they're not robots themselves...

But... uh, they steal from you?

Yes. They're always stealing my shit.

You mean they...

No not my actual feces. Jesus, George that's just gross.

Quickly to my lab

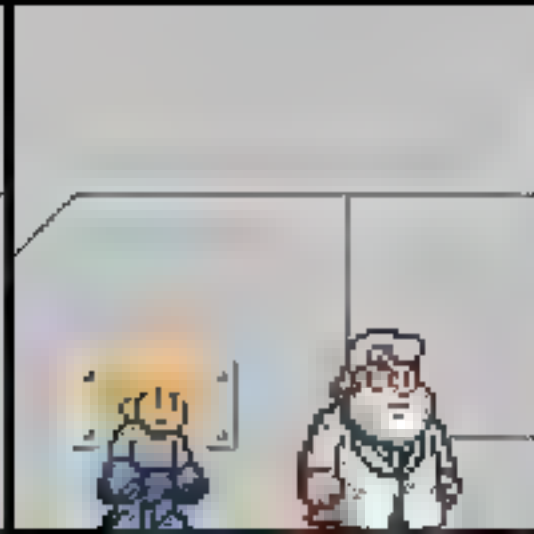
What? Why?

To get the EM BB gun

The what? Why?

What else would  
we use to go robot  
gnome hunting?

I just know I'm going  
to lose an eye by the  
end of this storyline



An, here we are Now  
let s find that EMBB gun

Uh Dr Light?



Yes, what is it?

Aren't these your  
missing robots?



yes, what about them?

So the gnomes stole  
them and then left  
them in your lab?



Yes, but who knows  
what kinds of sick  
and morally depraved  
things the gnomes  
have done to them?!



Call me crazy but isn't it possible that your "robot gnomes" are just clean-

Aha I found it



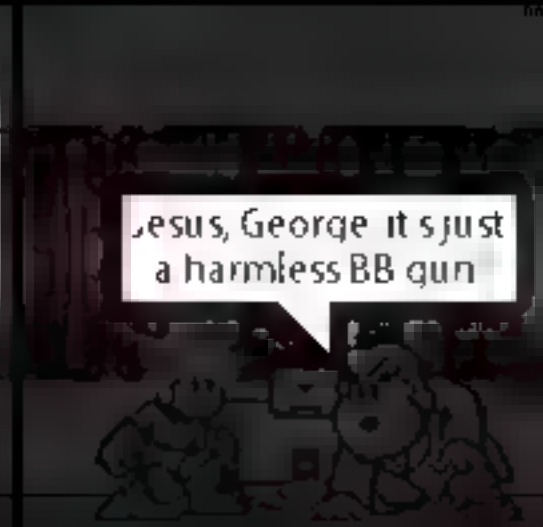
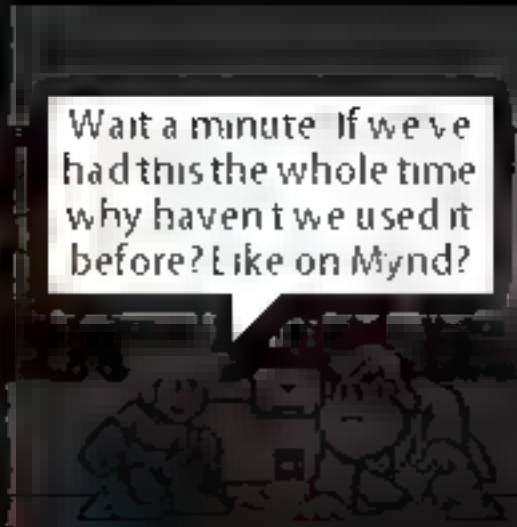
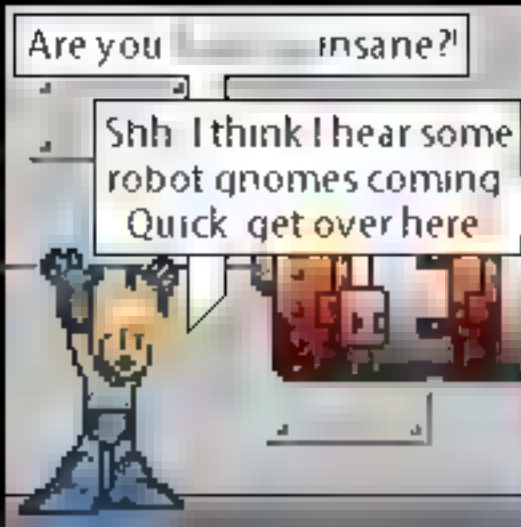
Holy shit What the hell is that?

This is my E MBB gun



It creates an intense electromagnetic field that accelerates a BB to nearly the speed of light. It takes three hours to charge and drains half the power in the city but it's just the thing to get those pesky gnomes.







George? How are you feeling?

A bit groggy...  
What's on my eyes?



Bandages. We were finally able to stop the bleeding, but it might be some time before you can see again.

What happened?



Well, when the BB encountered the air, it ~~burst into flames~~.

No no I mean with the robot gnomes.

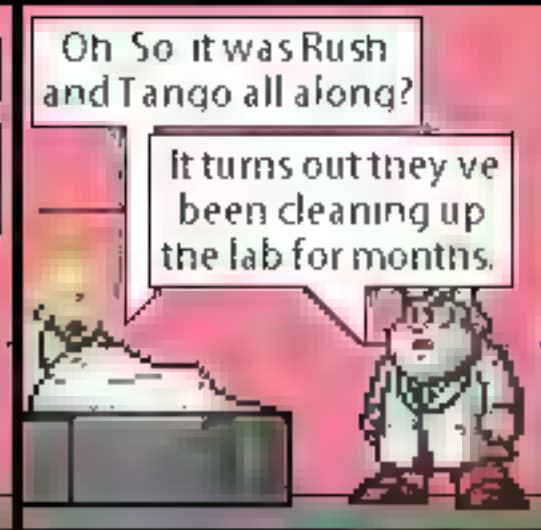


Oh that. Heh, turns out it was just Rush and Tango all along.

I'm gonna miss them.







Why are you so mad,  
George? No one was  
permanently damaged  
by being assimilated



And I even missed  
Rush and Tango with  
the EM BB cannon



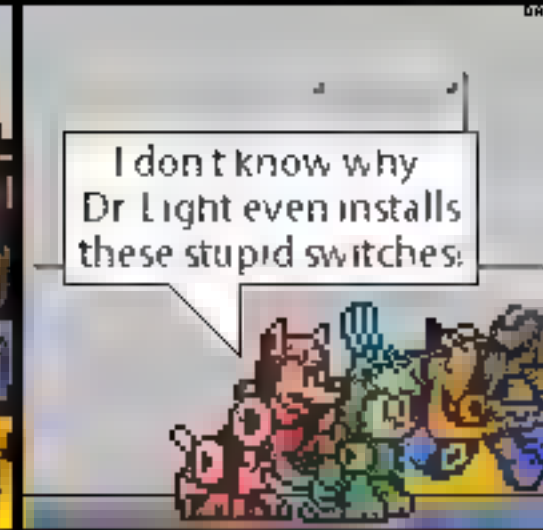
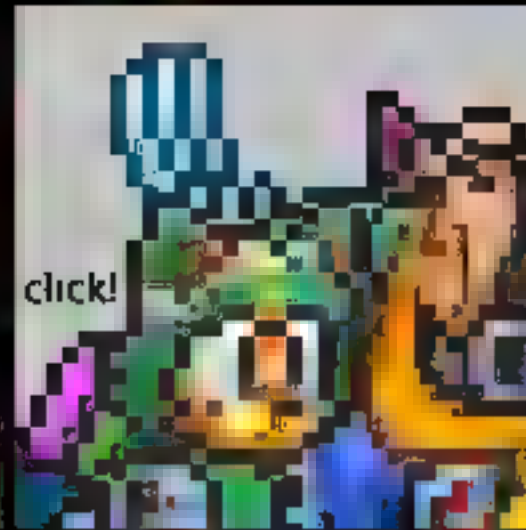
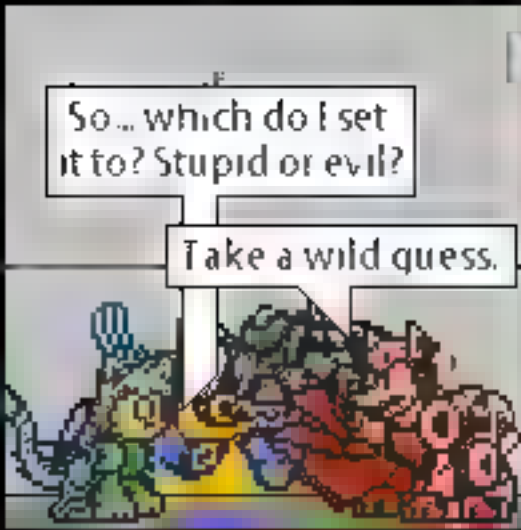
You have to admit  
throughout this entire  
escapade not a single  
person really got hurt



Oh god My eye







Welcome back  
How do you feel?



Any adverse reactions  
to getting assimilated?  
Dizziness? Confusion?

I don't think so I feel fine



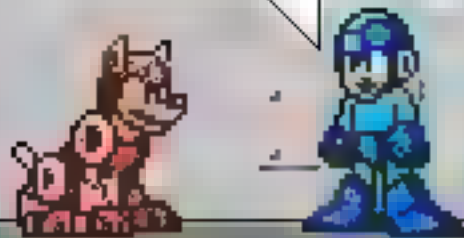
But I do have a  
few questions.

Go ahead



Where are my shades?

And why am I in  
Mega Man's body?





Okay all I have to do  
is get Dr. Light and all  
of this will... oh crap



I forgot he doesn't know  
I can talk. And if he finds  
out, he may try to "fix" me



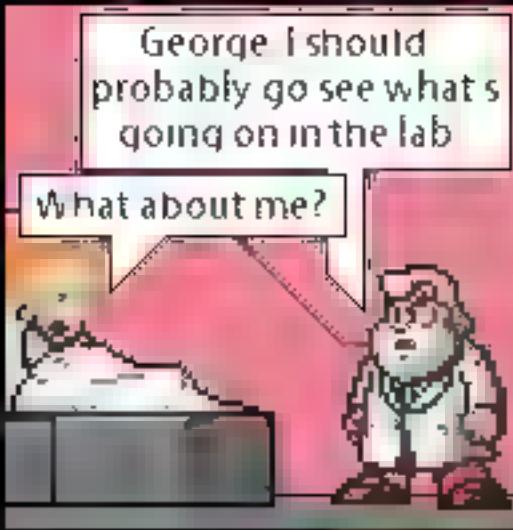
And if there's one  
thing that scares a  
male dog... I guess  
I'll just have to...



BARK! BARK!  
BARK! BARK!  
BARK! BARK!  
BARK! BARK!

What that, Rush?  
Mega Man fell in  
the well again?







Look I'm a medic  
not a nurse There  
is a difference

You have a nursing  
degree don't you?



Yeah, but...

Make there are plenty of  
male nurses these days.  
It's a perfectly normal  
profession for both sexes.



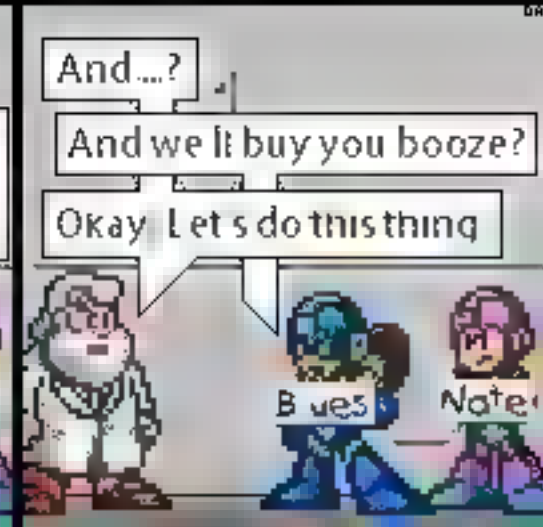
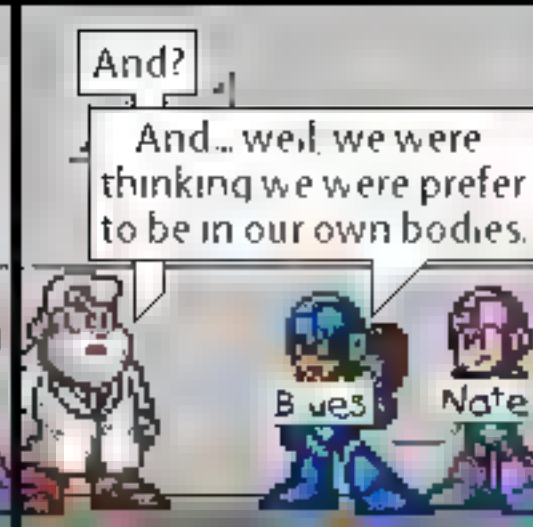
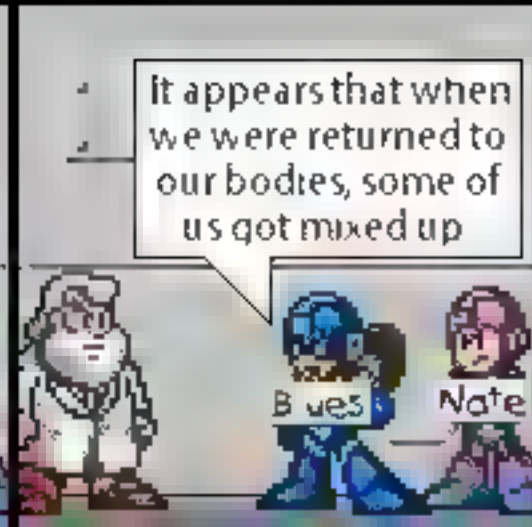
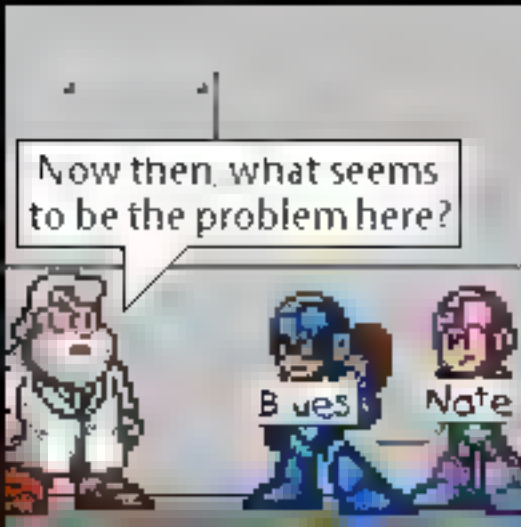
There's absolutely no  
reason you should be  
ashamed to be a nurse

Oh... well...



Good, now put on this  
cute little white dress  
and darling little hat





So what's the plan?

I'm going to hook a pair of mismatched robots together with this ethernet cable



Are you sure that'll work?  
I mean aren't we installed with some sort of firewall program or something to prevent intrusions?



Oh, please I'm a robotic genius. And I *built* you.  
Don't you think I can get around a few firewalls?

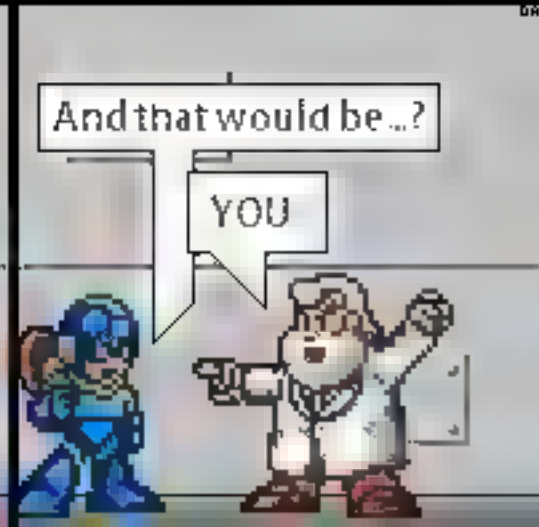
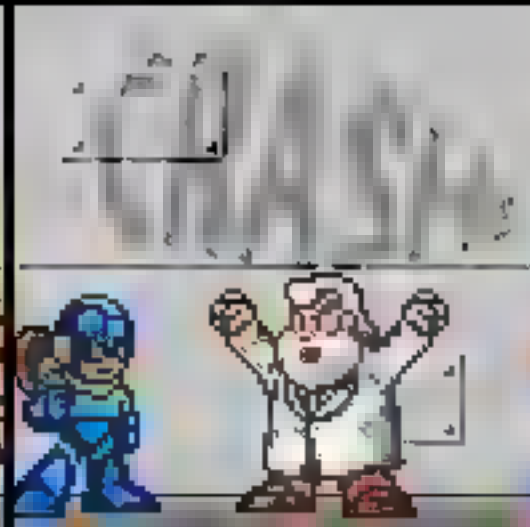
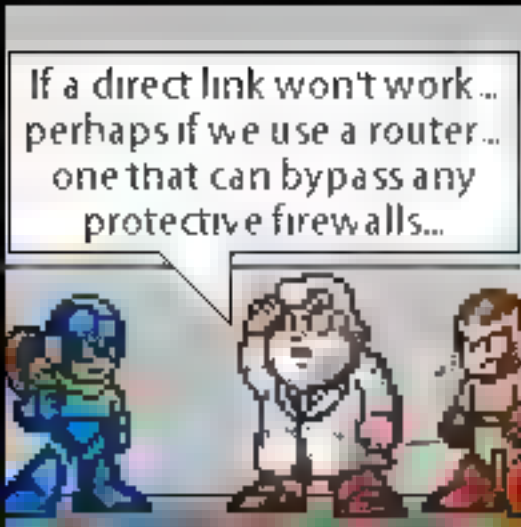


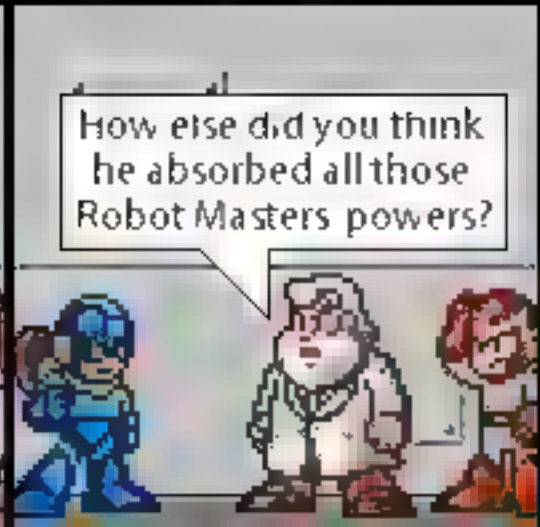
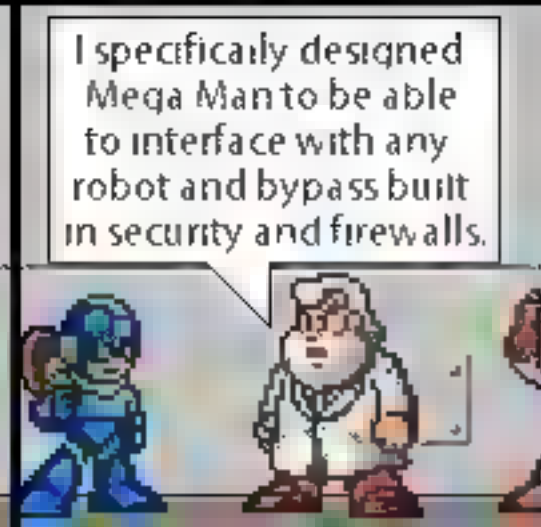
moments later

Um... I still can't see  
Proto Man's network

Damn you to hell  
McNortonee Antivirus!







But the contact had to be physical. Mega Man had to actually touch the Robot Masters to absorb their powers.



With X I was hoping to do away with that, and gave him the wireless router. And we saw how well that worked out.



And here I was thinking you were just an old senile drunk when you did that.



A little from column A, a little from column B.



All right there Now you  
two transfer yourselves  
into your correct bodies.

Transferring...

Transferring...

Well did it work?

I think so...

Hey Who download-  
ed all these ROMs into  
my cerebral cortex?

I was bored

How are you feeling?  
Is everything back  
where it belongs?

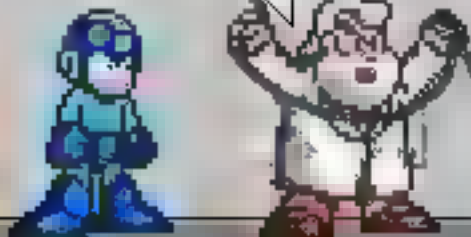
Yeah I think so



Then let's get Bass  
and Roll hooked up  
to you so we can



Bass. Stop doing  
that to Roll's body

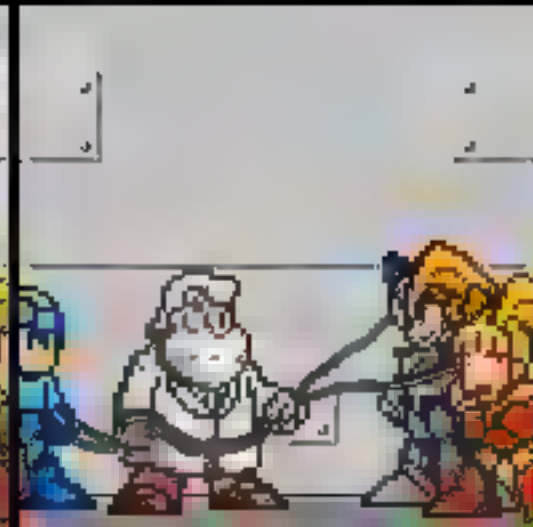
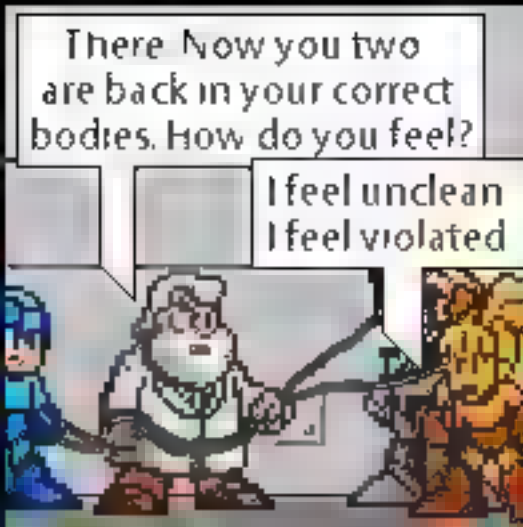


Her body isn't designed to  
handle that much sugar

But my body doesn't  
have taste receptors.







Now then, there are  
only two robots left  
to fix, Nate and...



What the...?

We tried to fix  
this ourselves...  
It didn't work

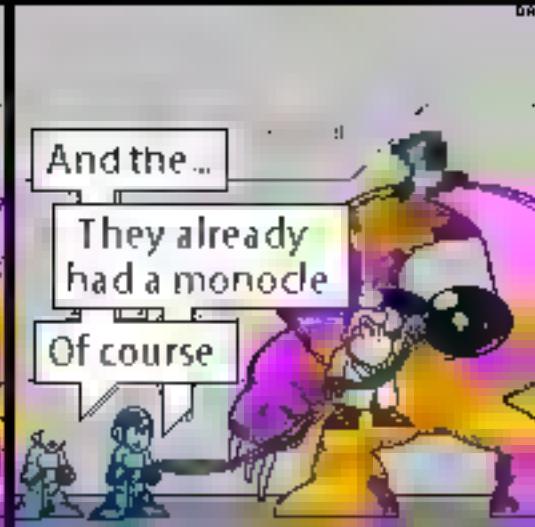
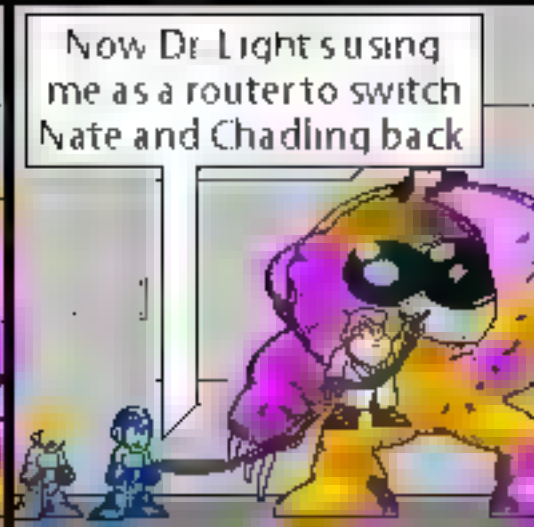


I can see that,  
but what's with  
the top hat?



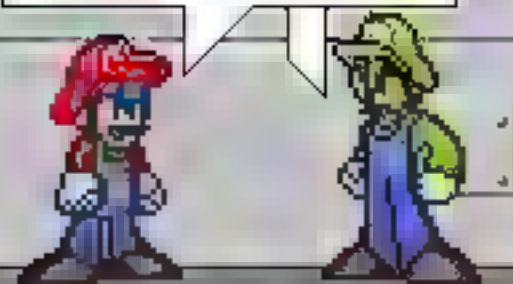
Well, we figured  
we already had  
the monocle...





Wait a minute... why  
do I have to be Luigi?

Because like you're taller  
than me... and a loser.



That's totally cheating

You're just mad you  
didn't think of it first



So then the little bastard jumped over  
me and dumped me in the [REDACTED] lava

Tell me about it [REDACTED] plumbers.



Oh great Now we're  
going to get sued by  
Nintendo and Sega

Don't forget Tecmo

Who?



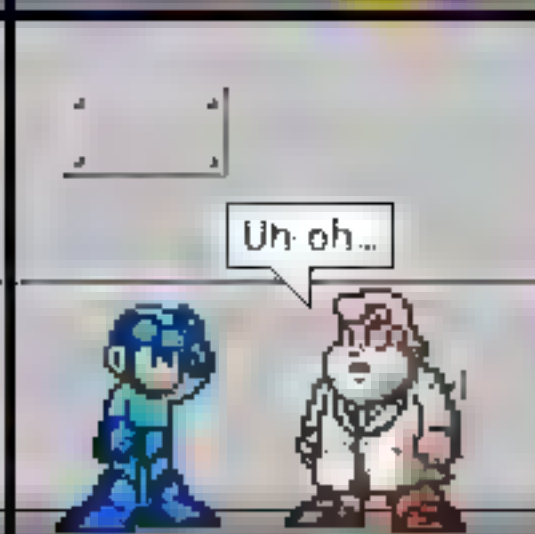
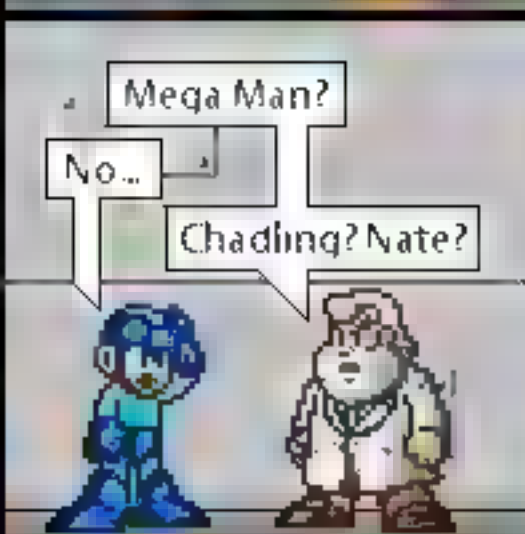
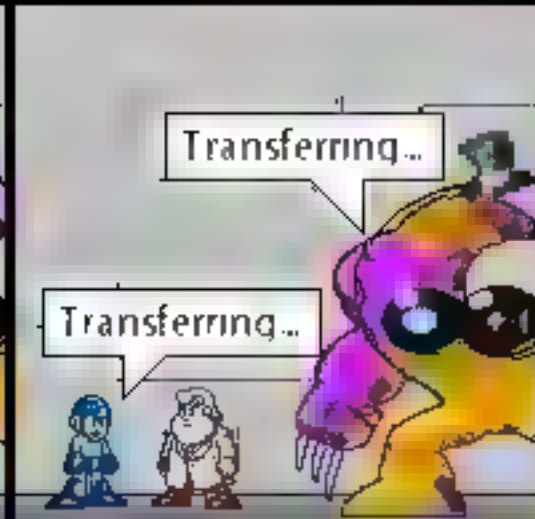
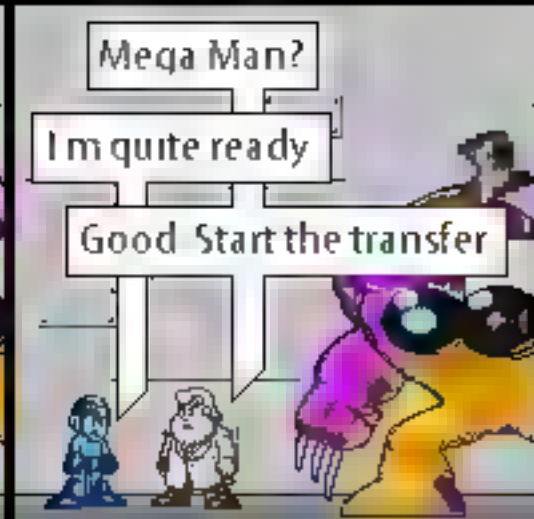
SKREEEEEE!

Ah man I should've  
come as Mother Brain

But then who'd be Sonic?  
I can't be Tails without Sonic.

What the hell is an  
echidna anyway?





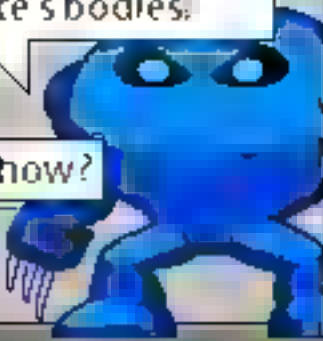
Mega Man? What are you doing in there?

You fool



I've turned evil again, and this time I've gained control of both Chad and Nate's bodies.

But... but how?



After all the personality swapping that's been going on Dr. Light all I needed to be unleashed was another blow to the head, which you unknowingly provided

I knew hitting my kids would lead to violence





Could someone tell me  
what just happened?

It would appear that  
Mega Man turned  
evil again on us.



How's that possible?  
I thought you said he  
didn't have any evil  
programming in him.



He didn't. Not when  
I scanned him. Clearly  
there's more going on  
here than we realize.



Yeah, but do we care?

Nope, it's Miller time.



Um... Dr Light maybe  
you've had enough...

YOU'RE NOT MY REAL  
MOM. YOU CAN'T TELL  
ME WHAT TO DO.

What's going on?

Dr Light's on  
another bender

Let me talk to him.

Dr Light...

Can he call you back  
Mikhail? Now's not  
really a good time



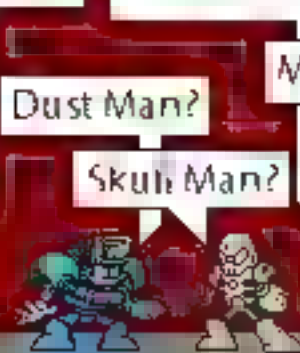
I do not care if this is a bad time nor do I care what you people are up to this time



But someone had better get over here and fix this mess.



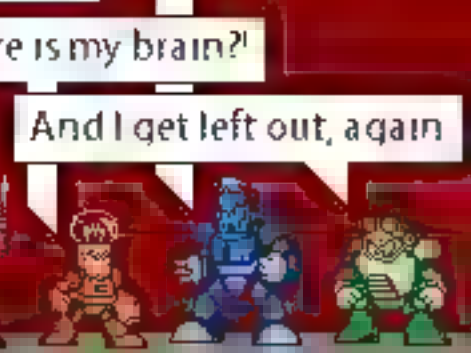
I can touch anything



OW My eye itched



RAWR I am invencible



My bulb is so small...



Where is my brain?!

And I get left out, again

Dust Man?

Skull Man?

Nobody touch me

George where's Mega Man? I need to take him over to Dr. Cossack's.

Jm... there was an incident

A few minutes later

Wow, I can't believe Mega Man would turn evil again

I know. Seems awfully contrived, doesn't it?

First there's the thing with X, and now this. No wonder Dr. Light's hitting the bottle.

He needs a reason?

Good point

Have you guys ever given any thought to having an intervention for Dr. Light's drinking?

That's a nice thought, but we're just robots, George. We're bound by the Three Laws to obey Dr. Light.

If Dr. Light doesn't want an intervention, we can't force him to have one.

Really?

No, but it's a convenient excuse to be apathetic.

So where are Nate  
and Chadling?

We're over here in  
Mega Man's body



Wow that can't  
be too much

CRASH!!



Oh crap Sounds like  
Dr. Light's on a drunken  
rampage in his lab

I'll go take care of him.



No Bad Dr. Light Put  
down that black hole  
generator. It's not a toy



Isn't leaving Mega Man in this Demon Core a bad idea?

Not at all

Shortly after Mega Man was incapacitated by George the gelatinous main body liquified

We placed it in this tank but now we have to wait for Dr Light to sober up before we can separate it and return to our bodies.

ABSOLUTELY  
NO SWIMMING.

Ah, so you two are stuck in Mega Man for quite a while aren't you?

Yes, but it's not so bad Mega Man's head is quite... spacious.

Hmm... can you two  
operate the router  
by yourselves?

Unfortunately no

Mega Man s the only  
one with the program-  
ming to operate it

Wait a minute...  
just how spacious is  
Mega Man s brain?

Welcome to  
Mega Man's Brain

bo woop!

Hey It's my  
turn to drive

Dr Light... where  
are you going with  
that screwdriver?



I'm going to dismantle  
X. He's clearly a threat  
to humanity and he  
must be destroyed



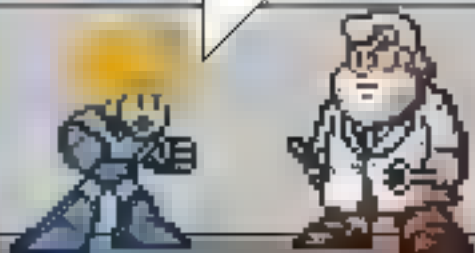
But you can't destroy  
X. If you do that the  
future as we know it  
will cease to exist



Bah. You've played  
those games, George.  
Would it really be  
that much of a loss?



Don't you understand? We've already met X and Zero from the future. X helped Mega Man in the past. If you destroy him now, none of that would have happened. You'll create a paradox that will destroy the universe.



I bet the destruction might, in fact, be very localised, limited to merely our own galaxy.

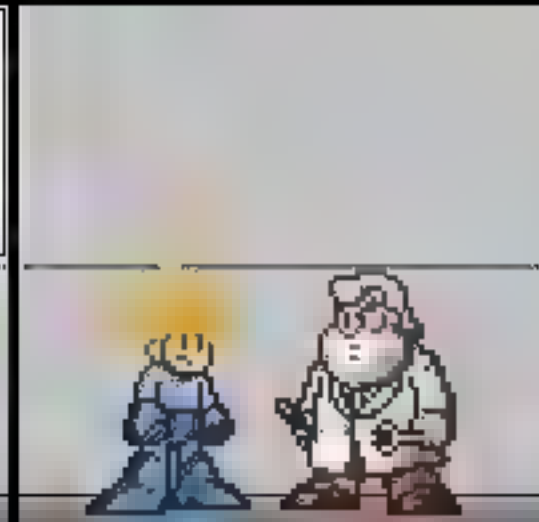


THAT'S NOT THE POINT.





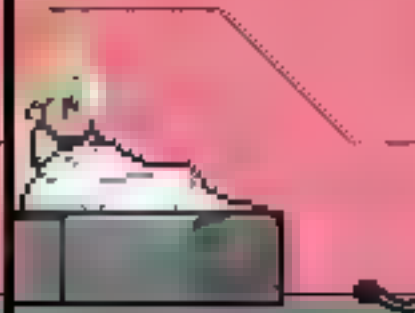
Okay, let's try a different tactic. If you dismantle X, then when Dr Wily finishes with Zero he will have the most powerful robot ever







Um, you're mad, aren't you? I should just go right? Yeah. I'm gonna leave this here and go...



Arr, I buried yer check. Here be a map, now off with ye! Arrrrrr



Wait a minute...



Stupid sprite comic.



Hey, Pops, what's up?

Oh, it's you Bass. I'm just putting the finishing touches on Zero's body

Still looks like a girl

Do you actually have a purpose to this visit?

Yeah, have you done his programming yet?

Actually that's my next step

Um... yeah... have you ever thought of having someone else program him?

What?! How dare you?! Are you suggesting that my programming skills are somehow lacking?!

Help My lid is stuck And I'm on FIRE

Oh god Why did you curse me with no hands?!

AAAAAAAAAHHHH

CRASH!

All right, I concede that you may have a point

Computer give me a list of all scientists with the programming knowledge to do this job



Let's see... Cossack's not evil enough... Tom is my arch enemy...

Dr. Thomas Light  
Dr. Michael Connors  
Dr. Albert Miller  
Dr. Timothy Love  
The Mysterious Mr. X  
Dr. William Pearson  
Dr. Jeffrey Jeff  
Dr. Gabriel Dorian  
Dr. Nathan Bow  
Dr. Ross Galt



Ooh Ooh What about that one? He seems evil enough

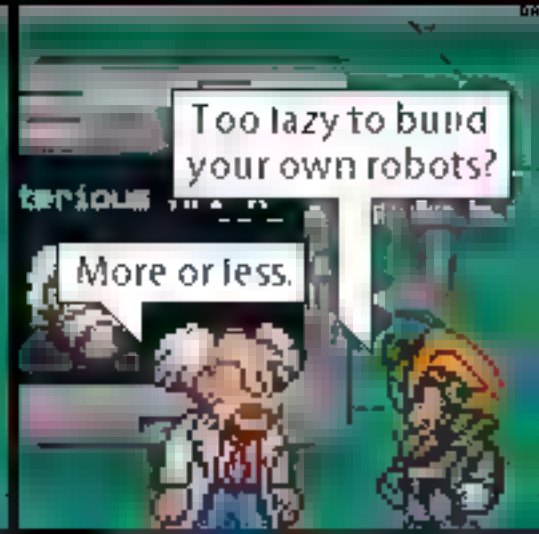
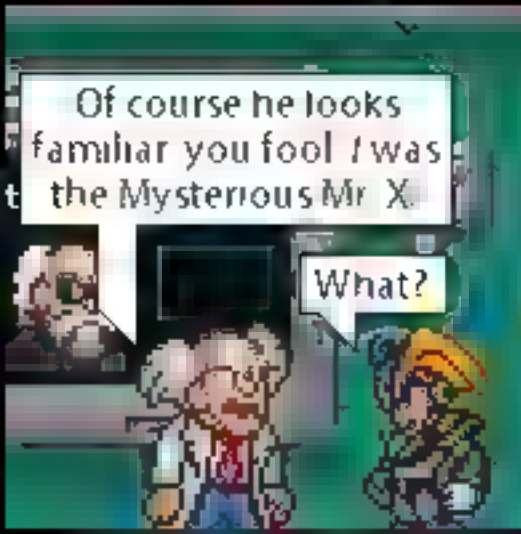
The Mysterious Mr. X  
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Who Mr X?

You know he looks kinda familiar...







Yes, I haven't thought  
about the old 8-bit days  
in quite a while. There  
was this one time when...

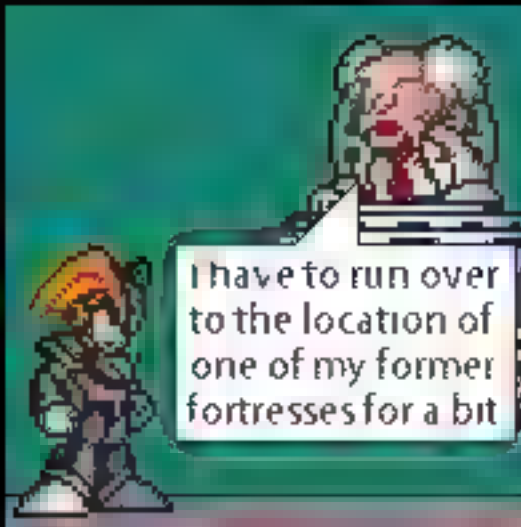
Oh Yes, of course  
That's it. It's perfect

What?

Are you thinking what  
I'm thinking Bass?

I think so Dr. Wily...

But where are we going  
to find that many dancing  
albino Eskimo midgets?



Ugh... my head...

Oh great he's waking up  
You go deal with him; it's  
my turn to drive anyway



Wakey wakey Mega Man

What's going on?  
Where am I?



Don't you recognize the  
inside of your own head?

No, not really



Did someone redecorate?

What can I say? I'm a fan  
of "While You Were Out"





All right, Mega Man  
We've hooked up the  
Cossack bots. Now  
how do we transfer  
their personalities?

Why are you asking me?



This is your body  
If anyone would  
know it'd be you

Good point Have  
you tried that big  
button over there?



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ACTIVATE ROUTER**

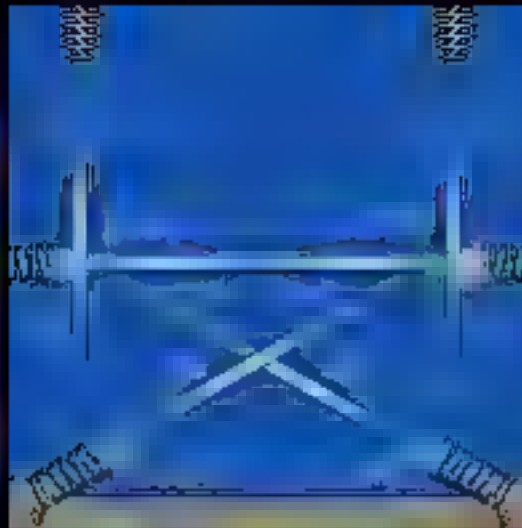


Damnit I told you  
we should've tried  
the big button, but  
Nooooooooooooooooooooo!



**PRESS HERE TO  
ACTIVATE ROUTER**

Well, let's press it and  
see what happens.



For some reason, I really  
thought it would be more  
complicated than that



Right before we were interrupted you were talking about the last thing you remember...

Oh right So we were talking about what we were gonna do...

Then Dr Light punched me in the head. making me spill my glass of pure concentrated. unending evil all over myself

Wait your what?

My glass of pure concentrated. unending evil

You can get some at the juice bar

Yo's Evil Juice Bar

Yo



Hi, Dr Light

Oh, hello George  
How's that bionic  
eye I installed?

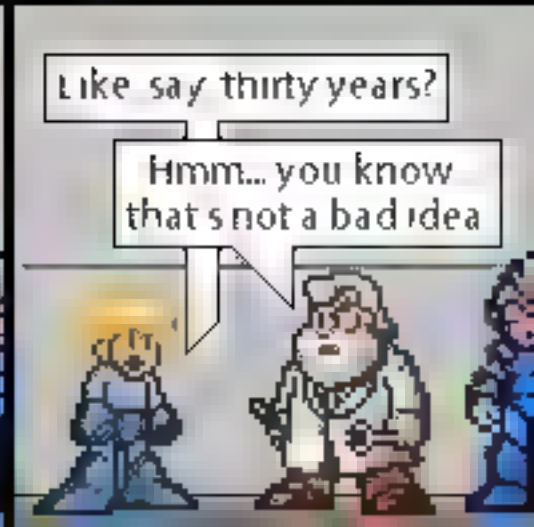
It's great. And except  
for the optional HUD  
even I wouldn't be able  
to tell that it wasn't real

It's got telescopic and  
microscopic vision and  
can see in ultraviolet,  
infrared, and even X....

Are you wearing...

Albert said it would  
make me feel like  
a delicate flower





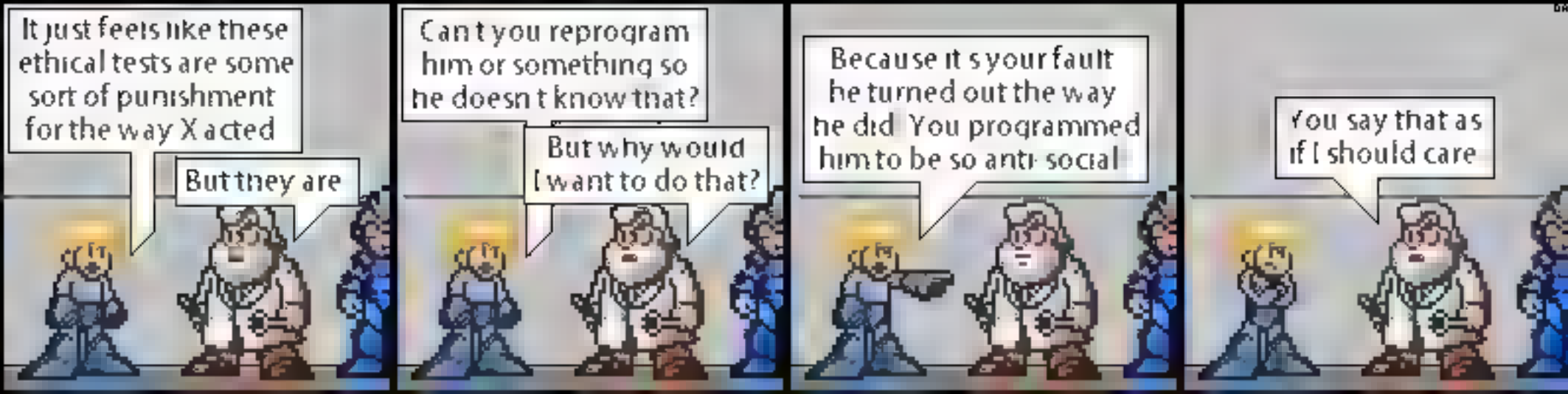
Have you thought about what kind of simulations you're going to run on him?

Oh, I was thinking about some basic ethical tests.

That doesn't sound like much fun

That's the point. They're ethical tests, they're not supposed to be fun

Well fuck that then



Can't you rewrite X's memories, so he won't know what he did?

Maybe if I had access to a holographic simulator and nothing better to do for the next three years.

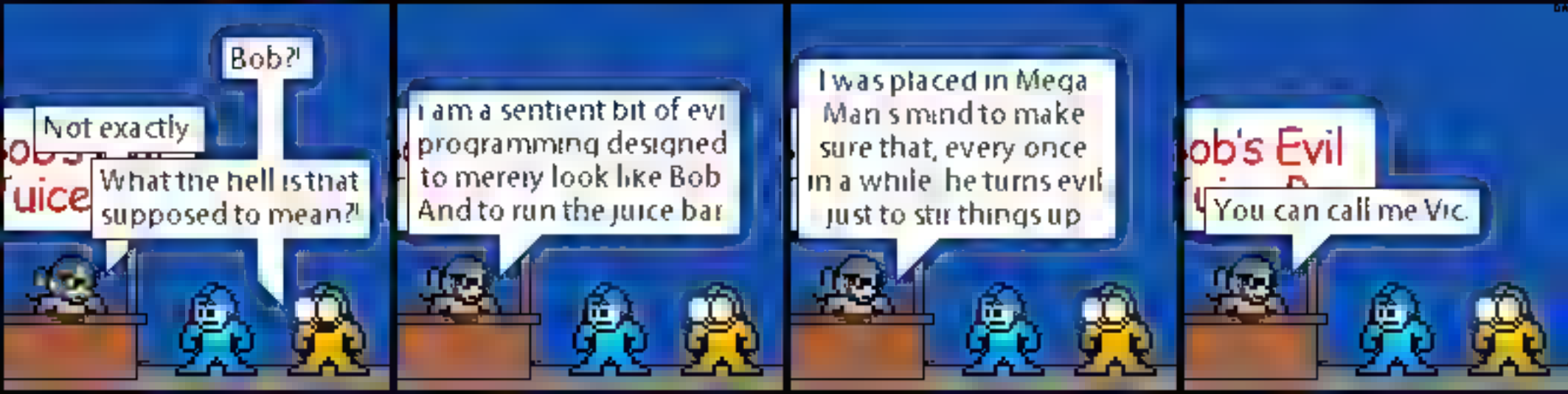
You're talking about creating a completely realistic 3-D simulation and then rendering that into a format X's brain can understand

So, what, you're saying you can't just program that in a text editor?

George no one could possibly program something that complicated in just a text editor

Hah That's where you're wrong I know someone who's done just that And I bet he could totally ...

Wait... where in the hell is Bob?



Bob?!

Not exactly

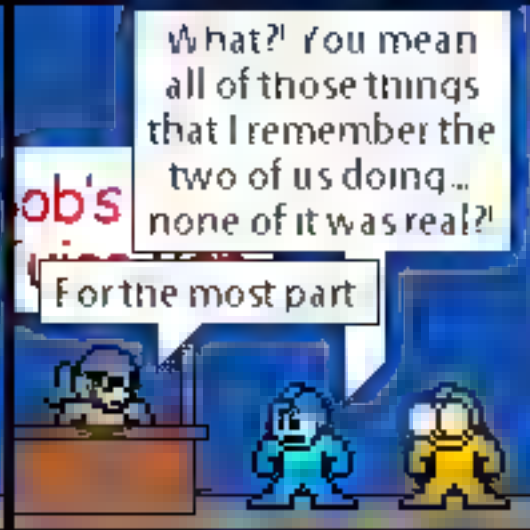
What the hell is that supposed to mean?!

I am a sentient bit of evil programming designed to merely look like Bob And to run the juice bar

I was placed in Mega Man's mind to make sure that, every once in a while he turns evil just to stir things up

Bob's Evil

You can call me Vic.



Wait How can you even be here? Dr. Light scanned for evil programming and didn't find anything

I'm programmed to evade those scans.

How is that possible?

Clearly my programmer must have been quite exceptional

Gee I wonder who that could've been

Bob's Evil  
Don't be so quick to assume it's Bob

Just because I happen to share Bob's incredibly good looks doesn't necessarily mean anything



Look like that's the last  
of them. I've got to say  
Chadling you've done  
a pretty good job here

Thanks, but to be honest  
it's really not that hard  
I mean, all I'm doing is  
pushing a big red button  
inside Mega Man's brain

Um... okay. Still, you've  
done a pretty good job  
considering the circum...

For the last time Toad  
Man, we're not putting  
you in a better body

Ah... nuts....

Given the amount of  
grief we re technically  
responsible for putting  
Dr Cossack through  
today I really think  
we should get going

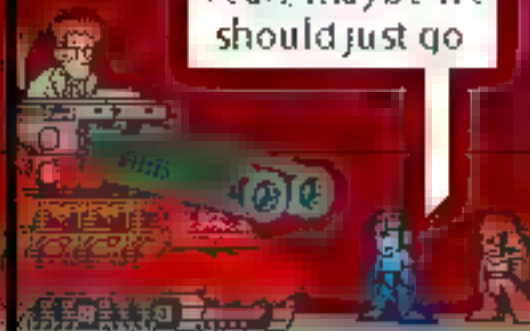


Nonsense Russians  
are globally reknown  
for their hospitality



Or was that the Germans?

Yeah, maybe we  
should just go





Hey guys, Proto Man  
says it's about time to...  
what's going on here?  
And who's that guy?

Oh, this is Vic.

Hi, I'm an evil influence  
that looks like Bob and  
has been programmed  
into Mega Man's head

Vic's Evil  
Juice Bar

Vic's Evil  
Juice Bar

Who's Bob?

OH MY GOD I CANT  
BELIEVE I FORGOT ABOUT  
MY LITTLE BROTHER




HOW COULD I HAVE NOT  
NOTICED HIM MISSING  
FOR OVER TWO YEARS?!



OH GOD MOM'S  
GONNA KILL ME





I've found him!

What? Who?

Long before I created you I allied myself with a villain who can only be described as the greatest programmer ever

You tried to double-cross him, didn't you?

No, actually, but he turned on me anyway

Hmm... how iron-

That's not irony. Check a dictionary, Alanis.

The point is that in the end, I thought he had perished when my fortress was destroyed

I took further readings, and I found evidence that he wasn't actually killed in the explosion

Instead, he was blown to a demi-plane somewhere in the astral plane

You're going to do something stupid like try to retrieve him, aren't you?

Clearly I must

Quick I'm looking for Bob Do you have any idea where Bob is?

Who?

Bob My brother Looks like a gray Proto Man He killed you a couple of times a few years ago

I have no idea what

Why am I even asking you? I need to ask someone who's not a complete moron

Which one of us was he supposed to be talking to?

I have no idea

I'm hungry

So who is Bob?

He's George's little brother. They entered this universe together. Then I knocked his ass into an open portal.



He was also here briefly right before Mega Man turned evil the first time.

He had ice cream with us, didn't he?



I remember Bob... Oh, do I remember Bob. I've met him several times, in the past...



Which, you know, makes it kind of weird I didn't recognize him when he first showed up at the beginning of the comic.





Come to think of it I've met George in the past before too but I didn't recognize him either



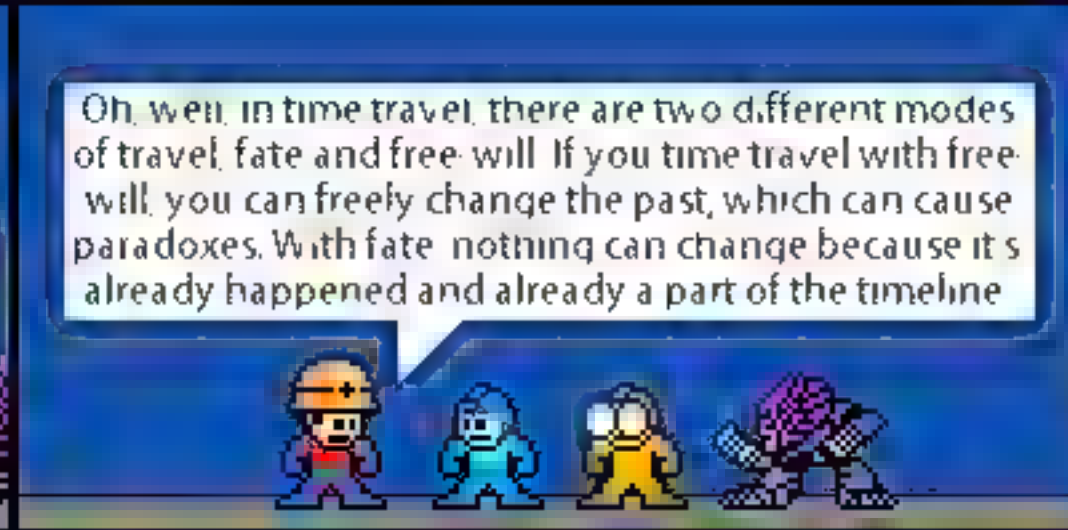
Clearly your memories have been altered due to the paradoxical effects of free-will time travel

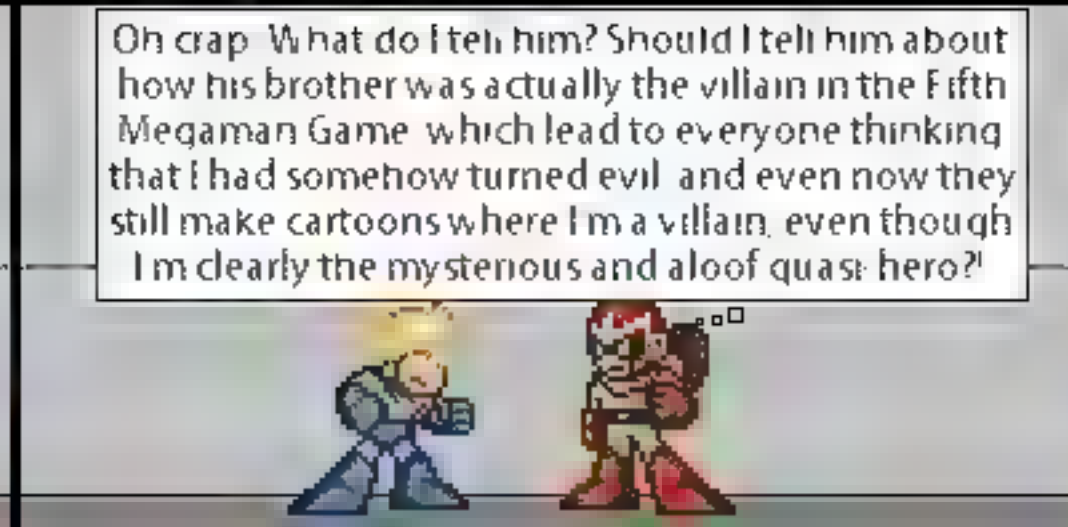
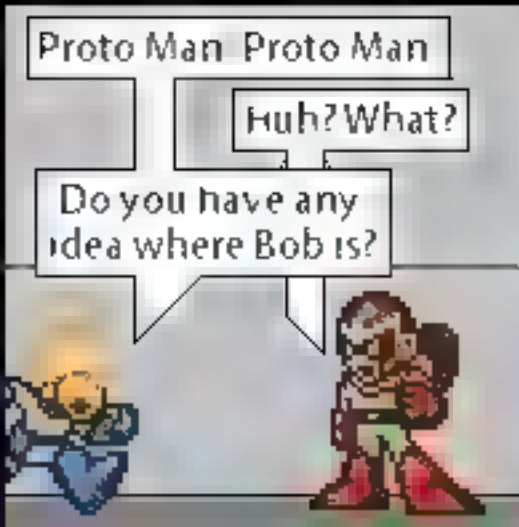


Who the hell are you?

And what are you doing in my brain?







What the hell is going on around here? Why can't anyone just give me a simple answer?



All right George You want the truth? I'll give you the truth Your brother's dead

WHAT?!



Somehow he traveled back in time to the Fifth Megaman Game and became the villain



I thought you were the villain in that game

Gah Not again



I don't understand  
Why does Bob being  
a villain back in time  
make him dead?



Apparently during  
the final confrontation,  
they were forced to drop  
an asteroid on him.



An asteroid?

Yeah what I heard

That would do it



All right, so my course  
of action is obvious.  
I must go back in time  
and save my brother



I'm sorry George but  
you can't do that

Why not?



It's not like anyone  
around here gives a  
shit about the time  
continuum anyway



Excuse me could  
someone tell me...

See? See?!



George you can't go back in time and save your brother Bob died saving millions of lives.

What?

The asteroid intended to kill him would have killed millions if he hadn't given his life to stop it

Bob... Bob died a hero?

A great New York  
1st Edition

AAAA



Ow What the...



Mom?





Who I am is not important  
What is important is what  
I am here to tell you

And if I refuse to listen?

Then I would not be  
here to tell you what  
I have to tell you

Are you trying  
to make me go  
insane again?!

Fine what are you  
supposed to tell me?

Just this: Don't  
worry about Bob

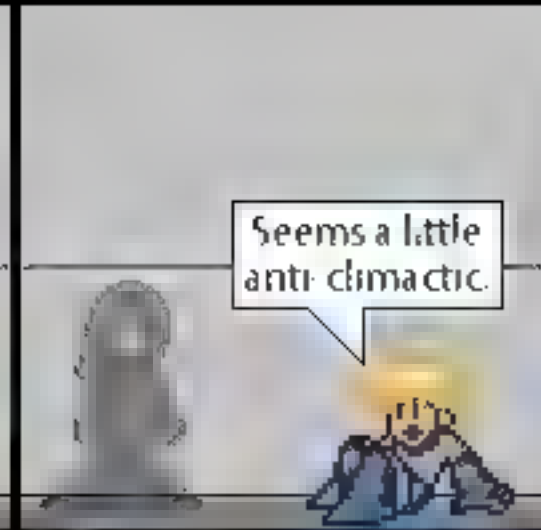
Not only is he still  
alive but your paths  
will cross again soon

And...?

And nothing, that's it

That's not very reassuring

It's not supposed to be



So, now what?

Now go back to the lab  
and help Dr. Light clean

What? Why? Am I going  
to find some ancient  
artifact that will lead me  
to a great secret that will  
forever change my life?

Do you *really*  
want to know?

No, not really

**WE INTERRUPT  
THIS STORYLINE  
WITH THIS  
IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

It has recently come to my attention that things are not as they appear to be



All our lives, we have been lied to by those we trusted. Politicians, scientists, everyone



What is this revelation, this epiphany that I must share with you all? Tune in tomorrow to find out



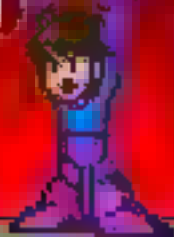
As I'm sure you all know  
a year is exactly 365 days  
long, 24 hours per day,  
60 minutes per hour  
60 seconds per minute



Which means, as we all  
know as those in power  
would have us believe  
that the year is exactly  
31 536 000 seconds long



But it is all a lie. This  
year will be 31 536 001  
seconds long. The lies.



OH THE LIES THE LIES

Um, you'll have to  
excuse him. He's been  
drinking a lot lately



Thanks for helping me  
clean the lab. George

No problem, Dr. Light



I figured it was about  
time to go through  
some of these boxes.

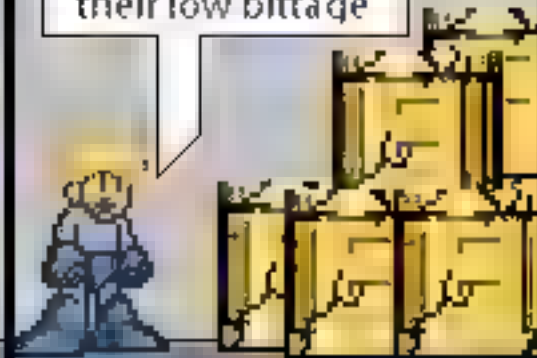
How old are they?




Some of them have been  
around since before the  
Seventh Megaman Game





That would explain  
their low bittage






Let's see... what  
do we have here?



Hmm... the First Annual  
Robot Tournament...



Why does that  
sound familiar?





BEER

What the...?

The what?

TOURNAMENT

How am I supposed to do that? I can't even set the clock on this stupid thing

Everyone's Favorite

Wily

Oh, it's the tracking

PROUDLY  
PRESENTS

The tracking  
Fix the tracking

FIRST ANNUAL

Hosted by the  
MYSTERIOUS

MR. X

There The tracking is  
fixed Now let's see...



Welcome ladies  
and gentlemen,  
to the First Annual  
Robot Tournament



The First Annual  
Robot Tournament?  
I remember that

So do I...

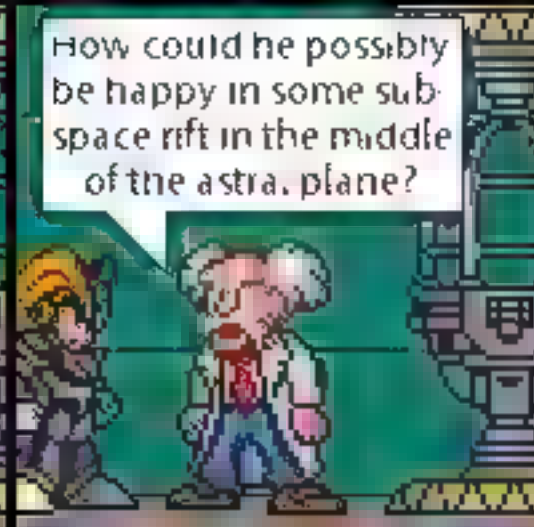
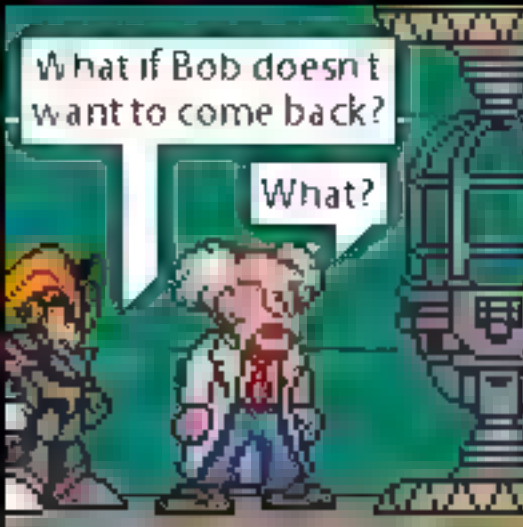


But something tells me  
my childhood memories  
better brace themselves  
for yet another violation...









Oh you lost again.  
Tifa Now you have  
to take off your top

Oh all night



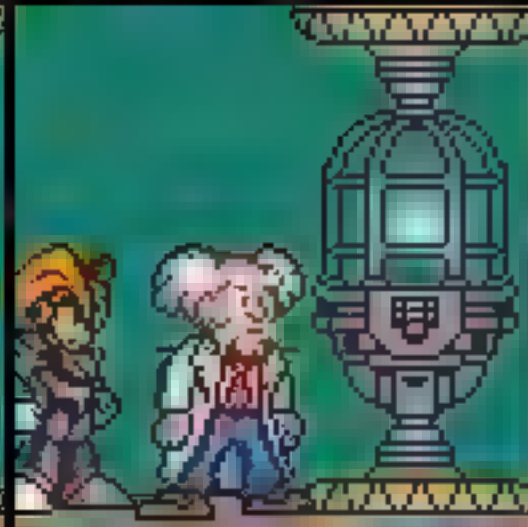
WOOGH!!  
YEAH!!  
WOOGH!!



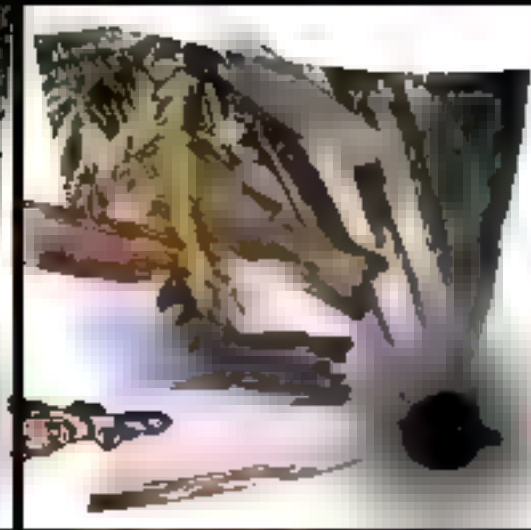
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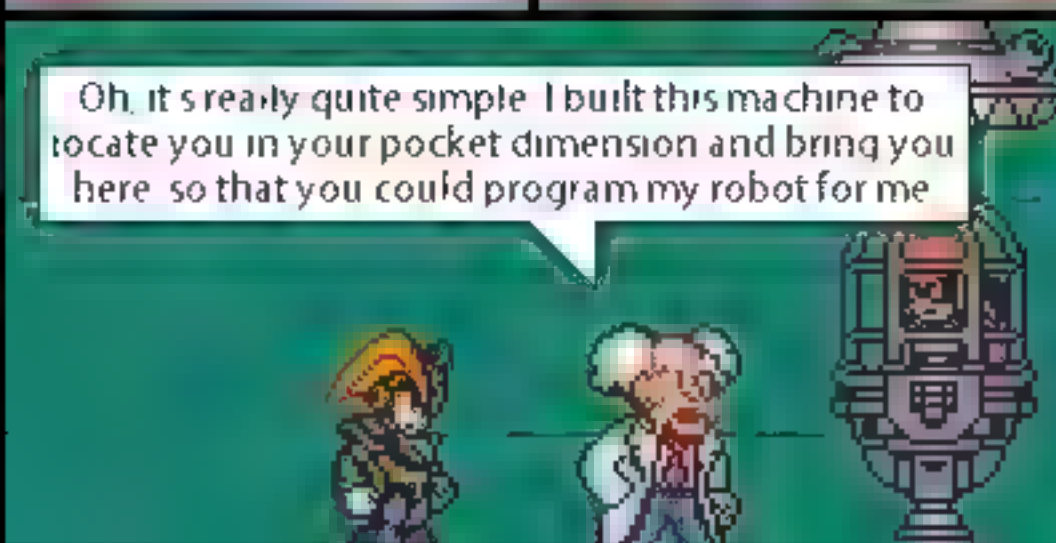
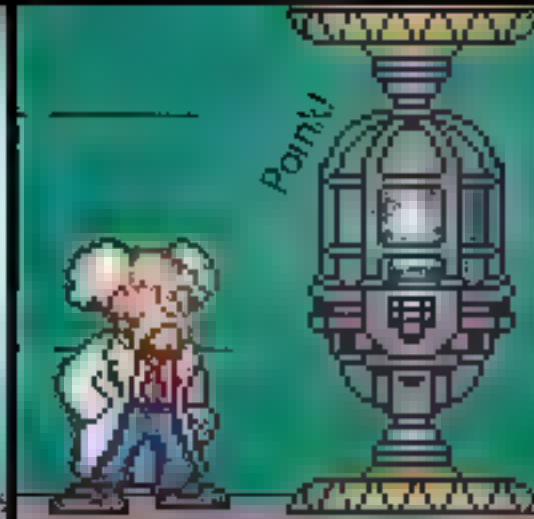
Sephiroth why are  
you looking at me?











I've been at the mercy  
of your powers before  
but not this time

What?

The cage you're trapped  
in is specially designed  
to negate your powers.

When I get out of here  
I'm going to kill you

Oh I know

Why am I here again?

I've brought you to here to program my latest creation, Zero

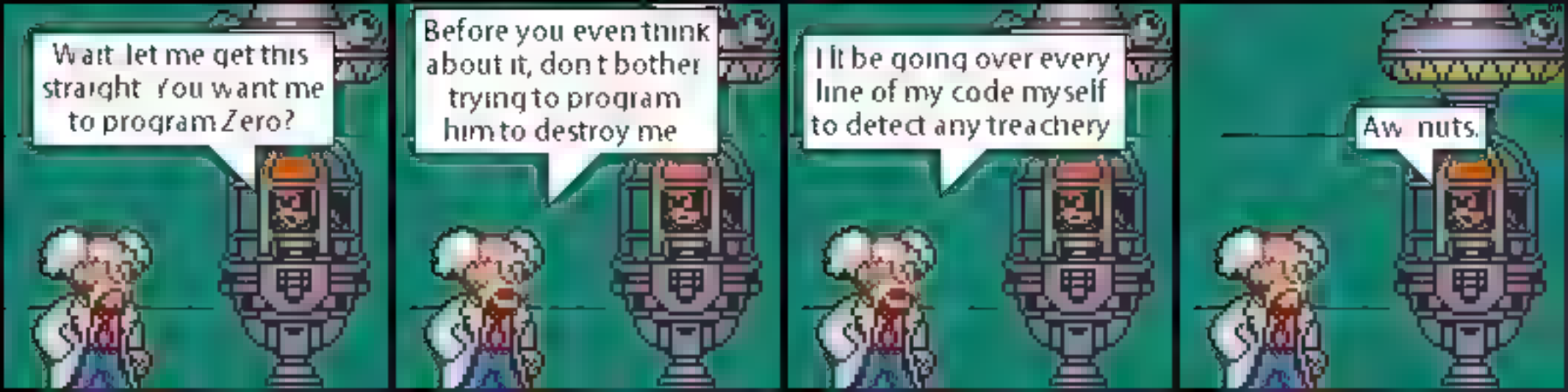


Our encounters in the past have shown you to be one of the greatest programmer I've ever met. As such, it made sense to have you program what will be one of the greatest robot that will ever be built



He still looks like a girl





Wait let me get this  
straight You want me  
to program Zero?

Before you even think  
about it, don't bother  
trying to program  
him to destroy me

I'll be going over every  
line of my code myself  
to detect any treachery

Aw nuts.

Now it will be mighty difficult to program Zero from inside that cage



But I certainly can't have you running unchecked, so I've designed a miniature version of that power negating technology. And it fits conveniently inside this helmet



Oh, and it totally goes with an outfit I already have





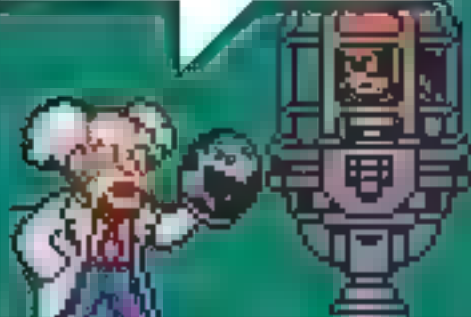
Once this helmet is placed on your head, you can't take it off without causing it to explode killing you



Any electrical interference will also cause it to explode so don't even think about trying to short circuit it



Additionally I will have a remote control with me at all times, allowing me to set it off at will



Shit, you've thought of everything haven't you?

Well, when you play with fire...

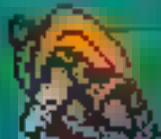


And what if I refuse to put  
your stupid helmet on?

Then I leave you in that  
cage to starve to death



Or if you agree to my conditions, I may  
be able to reward you. Earlier I took  
the liberty of scanning your quantum  
signature, and I was able to locate your  
home dimension. Once you have pro-  
grammed Zero to my satisfaction, I will  
open a portal and send you home

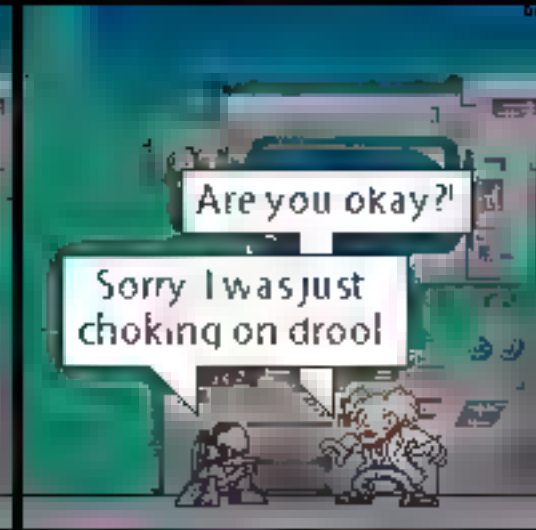
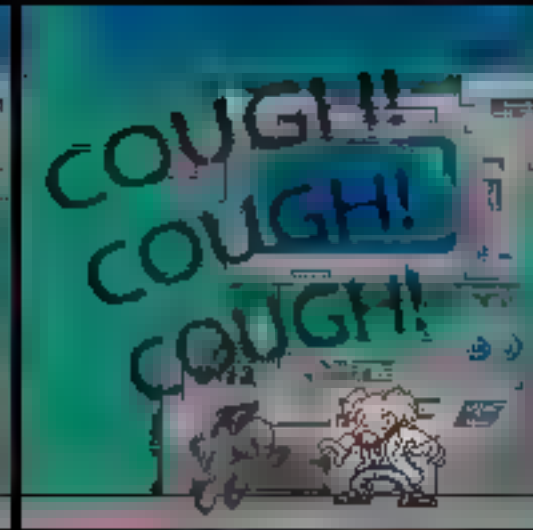
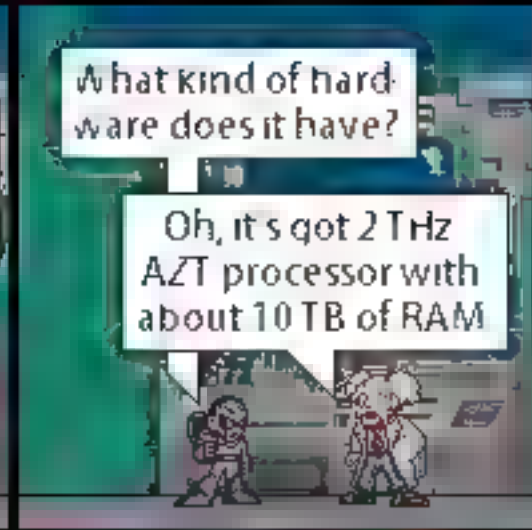
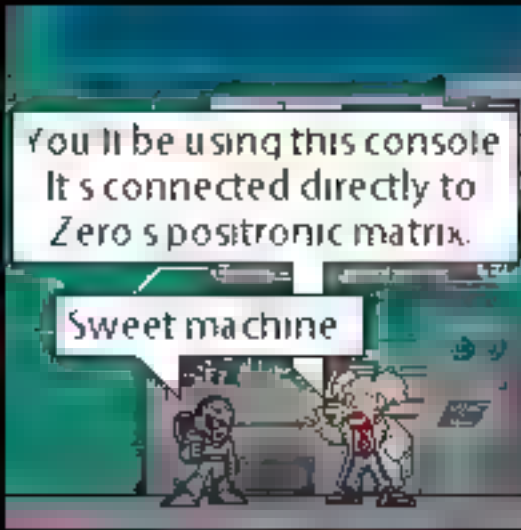



What do you

When do we start?



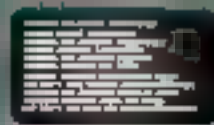




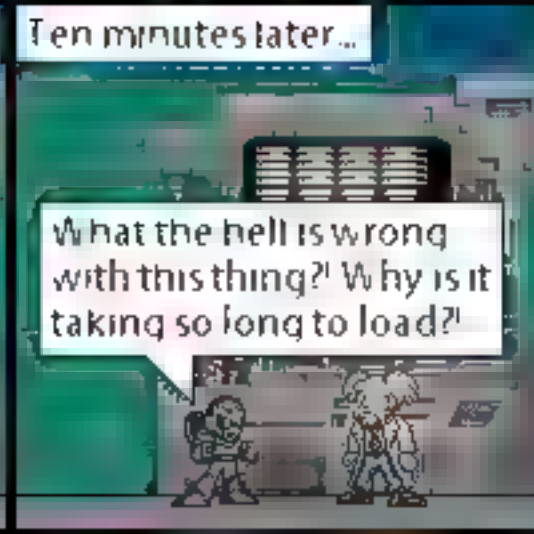
A comic strip panel showing two characters, a man and a woman, standing in front of a computer monitor. The monitor displays a Windows XP desktop with a red 'A17' logo in the top right corner. The man is speaking.

Oh man I can't wait to boot this thing up and see how fast it is!

One minute later...



Ten minutes later...

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters standing in front of the computer monitor. The monitor still displays a black screen with white horizontal lines. The man is speaking.

What the hell is wrong with this thing? Why is it taking so long to load?

A comic strip panel showing the same two characters standing in front of the computer monitor. The monitor now displays a Windows XP desktop with a red 'A17' logo in the top right corner. The woman is speaking.

Ah

All right, let's see  
what you've gotten  
done already

That's odd. There's  
nothing here.

I haven't done any  
programming yet.

How could you not have  
done any programming  
yet? What the hell have  
you been doing?

I was busy building a  
machine to bring you  
here so you could do it.

Look, I don't know the first thing about programming a robot from scratch.

You didn't have any problem programming those Robot Masters.

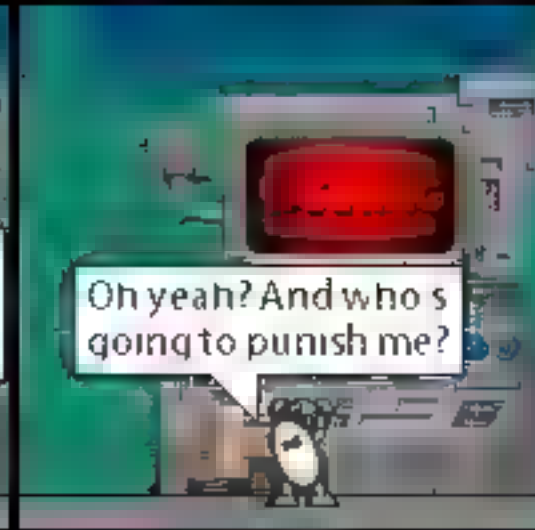
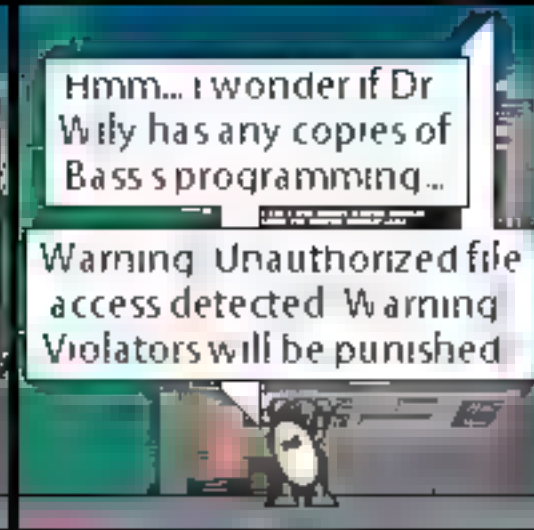
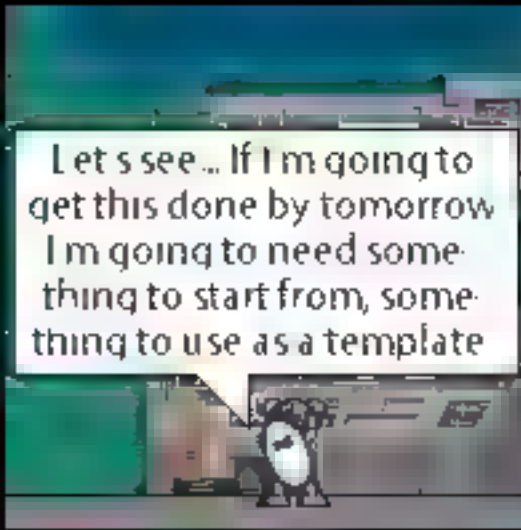
That was reprogramming. All I did was take your code and optimize it. This is completely different.

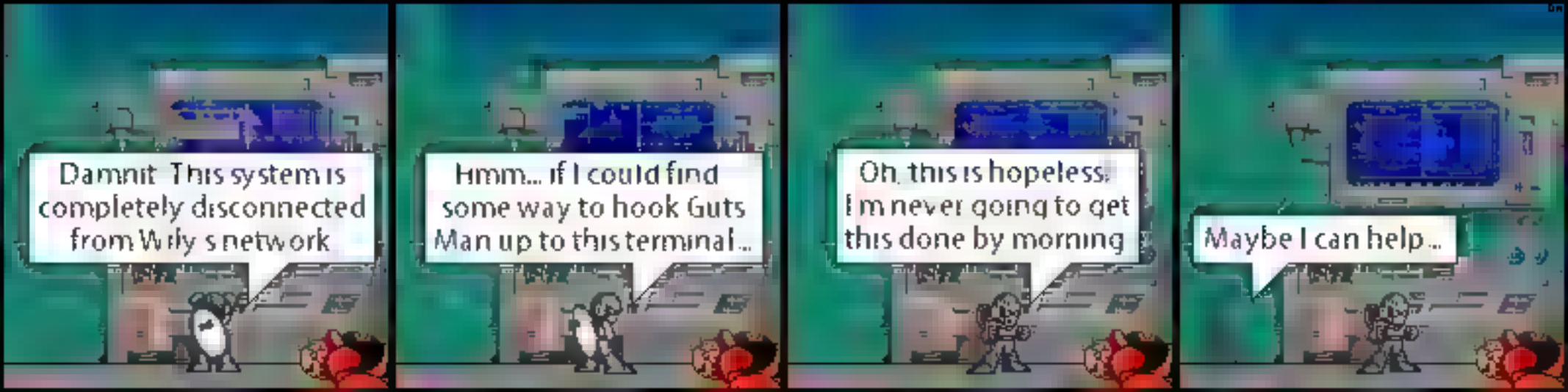
Enough. I'm going to bed. You'd better have some results by morning or I'll kill you and do it myself!

Oh, and don't even think about trying to escape. The perimeter is lined with sensors that will set off your helmet if you try to leave the fortress.

No snappy comebacks?

I'm too pissed off for snappy comebacks.





Damnit This system is completely disconnected from Wily's network

Hmm... if I could find some way to hook Guts Man up to this terminal...

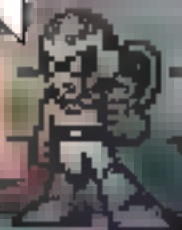
Oh, this is hopeless. I'm never going to get this done by morning

Maybe I can help...

You again?

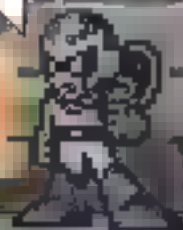
Yes, me again

What are you doing here?



I'm here to enlist your aid in what should be a mutually beneficial task

I'm listening...



You need programming to examine and I happen to know an advanced robot that would be perfect

What's in it for you?



That warm fuzzy feeling that comes from manipulating events towards my own shadowy ends?





Are you feeling okay?  
You seem a little different  
from the last time we met

It's merely the effect  
of being in another  
author's dimension

Oh, right, you're from  
the Rockman Universe  
How's it going there?

Still on fire  
Yeah, sorry about that



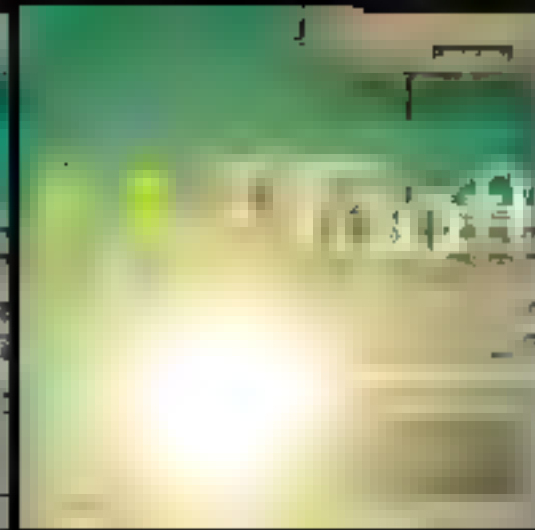
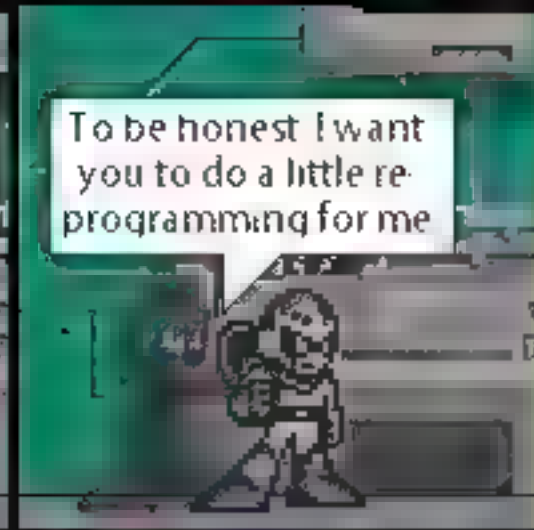
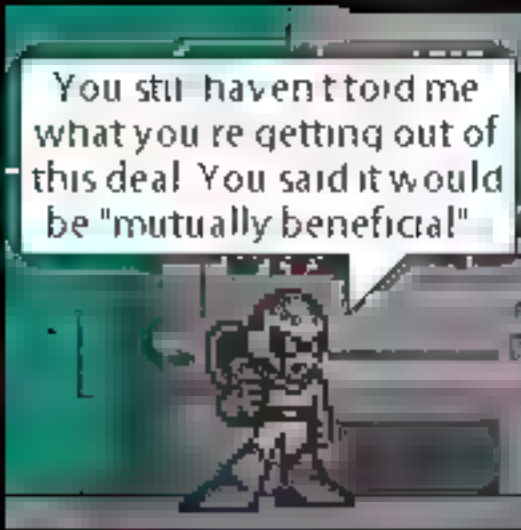
So where's this robot with  
the programming goods?

I'll take you to him.

I can't leave. Dr. Wily  
set up the perimeter with  
sensors that would kill  
me if I try to leave.

I'm an Author

Oh, yeah good point



What do you mean?

X is a wuss. I don't want to base Zero's programming off X.

It have you know that X attempted to kill millions of people in the last storyline.

Really?

Yeah, sort of.

Oh, alright then.

Yeah here we go Dr  
Light's got X running  
ethical simulations  
around the clock

Hmm... looks like they re  
hooked up to some sort  
of self correcting code  
processing algorithms.

They re ingenious, but  
terribly inefficient I figure  
they'd take at least thirty  
years to correct the errors.

X's emotional program  
is completely unstable

Can you fix it?

I already did

Errors?

You said you wanted me to do a bit of reprogramming while I'm messing around in X's head?

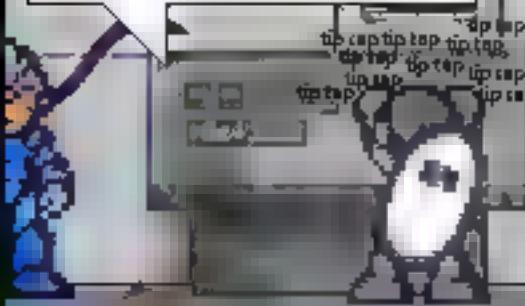
Yes, two things. First I want you to alter his memories of his attack. Make him think he just pulled some pranks.

What? You want me to make him forget the one evil thing he's ever going to do in his life?

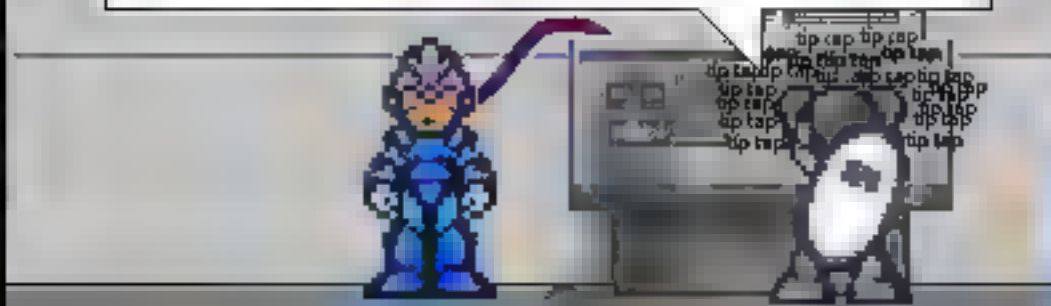
Yes.

You're no fun.

The second thing I want you to do is to alter the ethical simulations to something more "fun"

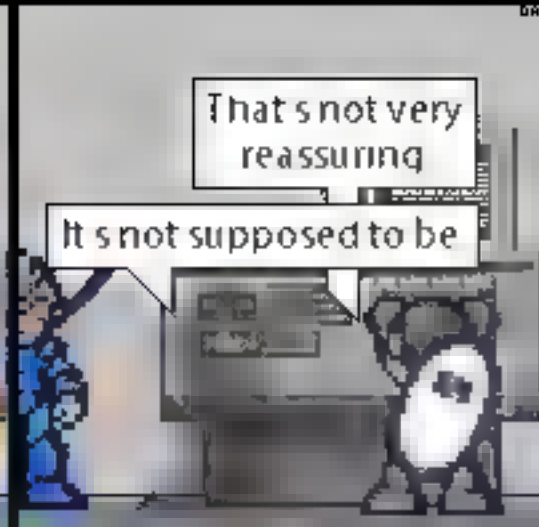
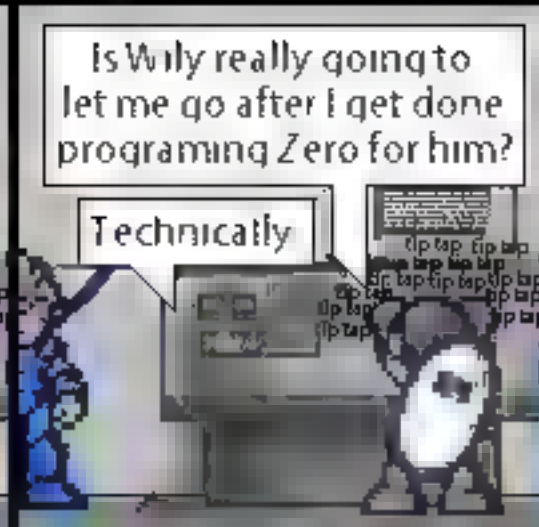


Hmm... if I just erase X's memory and change the ethical simulations into false memories of the pranks he pulled, he'll think those *were* his memories, and we can kill two birds with one stone



Excellent. Do you have *any* idea how many plot holes we're filling right now?





How's it going?

Good I've gone through pretty much all the code

All that's left to do is take a look at Zero's hardware configurations and see how they're different

Are you ready to go back? We should get going before someone here wakes up

Tooooo late



Hey guys, want  
some popcorn?

Proto Man? What are  
you doing up this early?

Actually I haven't gone  
to bed yet George and  
I are still watching that...  
uh, video Of that thing

Well, anyway I'd best get  
back. See you later Bob

Am I ever gonna know  
what that was all about?

Eventually



There s only one way  
to find out what really  
happened We have  
to go back in time

*SLAP!*

Did you just bitch slap me?

Yes. You needed it

Yeah. I did thanks.

In the morning...

So how far did you

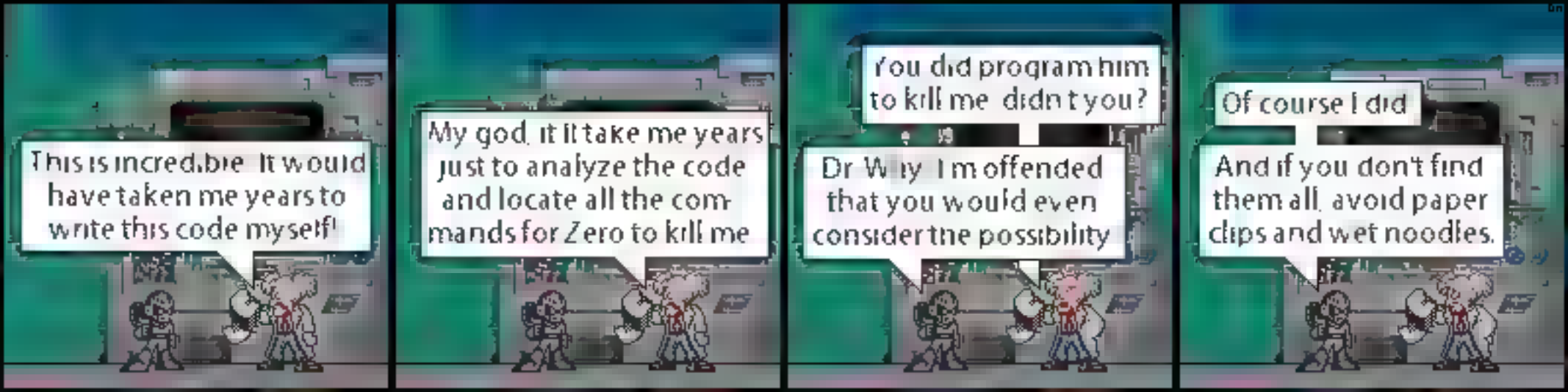
I'm done

What?!

Yeah, once I figured out how to configure the hardware everything else fell into place

That's impossible. No programmer in the entire world could possibly code so much that fast

Hero? Alternate dimension?



This is incredible. It would have taken me years to write this code myself!

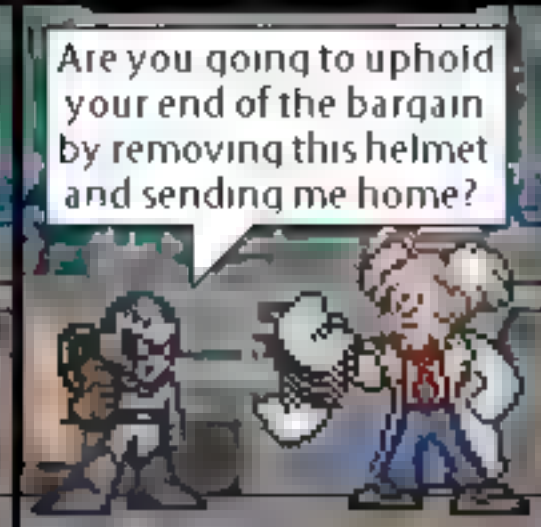
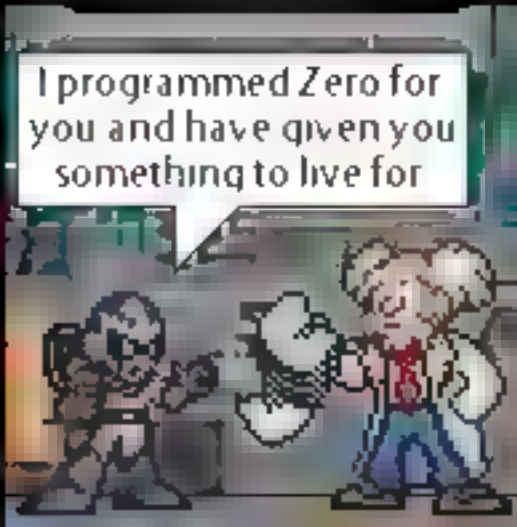
My god, it took me years just to analyze the code and locate all the commands for Zero to kill me

You did program him to kill me, didn't you?

Dr. Wily, I'm offended that you would even consider the possibility

Of course I did

And if you don't find them all, avoid paper clips and wet noodles.



Look I needed a way  
to keep you here and  
the helmet seemed  
an easy way to do it

It's not my fault you never  
tried to use your powers  
with the helmet on

Besides, you're a fire-  
based entity. What  
could an explosion  
do to you anyway?

I'm not helping my  
situation any, am I?



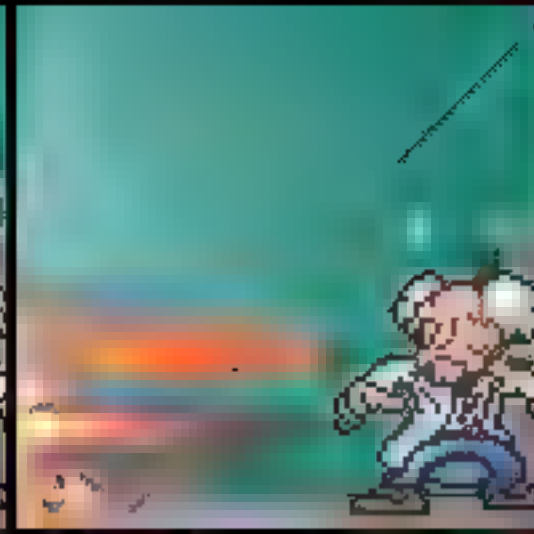
Wait I'm the only one who knows the coordinates of your home dimension. If you kill me you'll lose the chance to finally go home.

Sure you might find another way home in a few years, but I could send you home now.

Well?

I'm thinking...





Anything?

Nothing Wik.pedia  
doesn't even have  
anything about him.



Well, maybe it wasn't  
him. Maybe it was some  
other recolored Proto  
Man... um, named Bob?



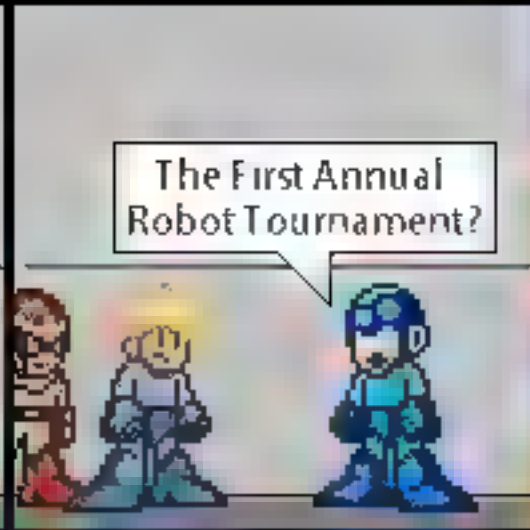
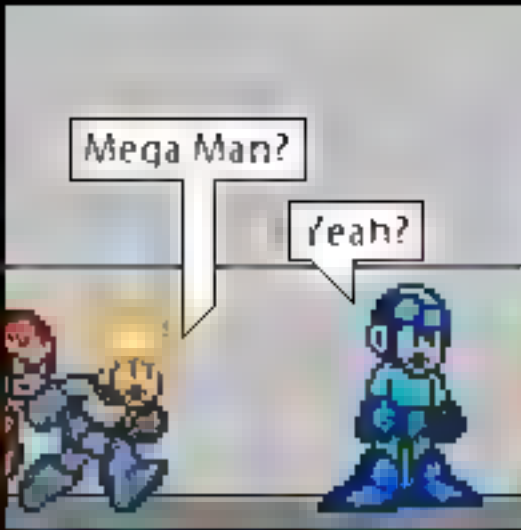
There has to be some  
way to find out for sure

Well, there was one  
person who was there...



♪ Little Bunny Foo  
♪ Foo... hoppin' ♪  
through the forest...





What's going on? And what's a memory alert?

Don't worry party Just let me handle this one

You're asking about the Robot Tournament because you're wondering about Bob right?

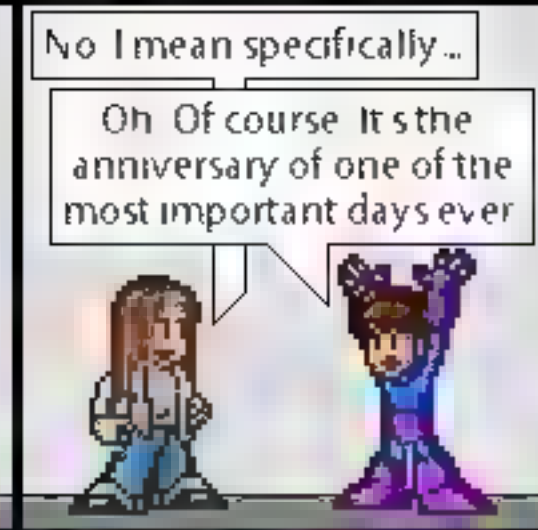
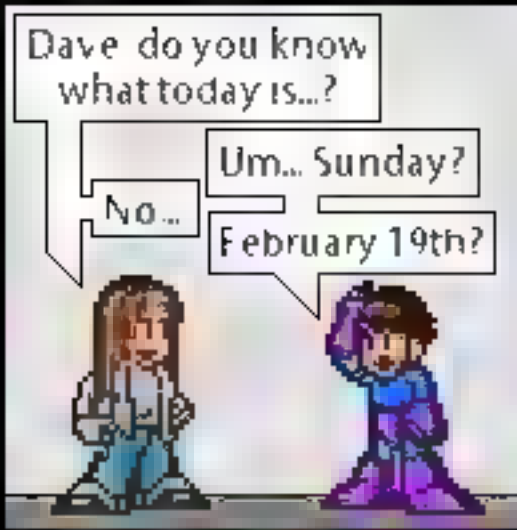
Yeah, that's right How did you know?

Simple I was there

And I was there when Bob died







Would you please explain  
to me just what the \* is  
going on around here?

What?

Oh shit It's you But how?!  
I thought you were dead

It d take more than  
an asteroid to kill me

How about the extremely  
short range nuclear mine  
you just stepped on?

I hate you so much





Now that we've figured out who's in charge, what are you doing here?



Doc I'm from the future I came here in a time machine that you invented



Now, I need your help to get back to the year 1985



1985?

I really want to try New Coke



Let me get this straight  
You think I sent you into  
the past on purpose?



Oh there's no doubt about  
it. You claimed you were  
going to send me home  
and sent me here instead.



And why haven't  
you killed me yet?



Paradoxes and  
nuclear mines.

Not necessarily  
in that order.



So why are you here?

Just told you. You sent me into the past and...



No why are you *here*?  
Why not go to Dr. Light?

Oh, that. Well, originally I came here to kill you...



But I also want to know what's going on with this Mr. X.

The eccentric billionaire holding this ridiculous robot tournament?



Yeah. Why haven't you killed him and taken his place yet?

Prozac.



You want me to kill Mr. X and take his place as the administrator of this robot tournament?



Yes, that's how history says this tournament is supposed to go

But why would I want to do that?



Because once the weak competition has been eliminated, you'll end up with the eight most powerful robots in the entire world and you can destroy Mega Man



Of course That's brilliant Why didn't I think of that myself?

Because it's my right as the Mary Sue to come up with all the good ideas.



What the hell do you mean you were there when Bob died?!

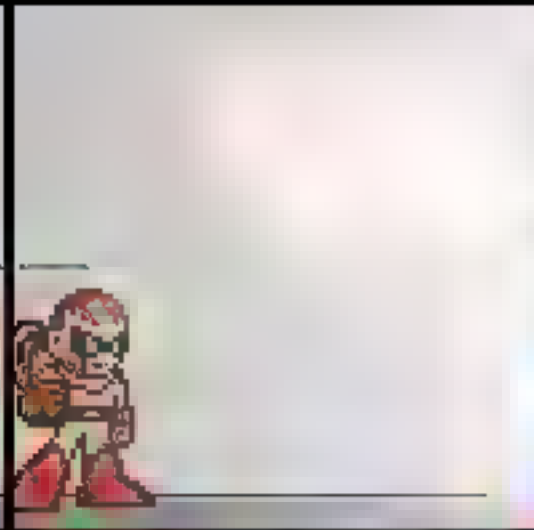
What do you think I mean?

I saw Bob die with my own two eyes.

I can't let him die I have to go back in time and save him.

George stop Listen to yourself! Do you realize what you're saying?!

Yes. I want to go back in time Voluntarily



PLAY X  
Okay so do we just  
play it or what?

SPECIAL FEATURES

Where's the scene  
selection menu?

THE FIRST ANNUAL  
ROBOT TOURNAMENT

PLAY X  
Ooh Should we  
turn on subtitles?

SPECIAL FEATURES

You idiot This is a  
comic. Everything's  
subtitled anyway

JAL  
ENT

PLAY X  
Special features.  
Let's watch the  
deleted scenes.

SPECIAL FEATURES

Nah let's wait until  
we've watched the  
whole thing first

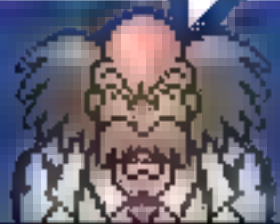
THE  
ROE

PLAY X  
I wonder if there  
are any easter eggs.

Oh crap did we get  
the full-screen version?

THE FIRST ANNUAL  
ROBOT TOURNAMENT

HELLO and welcome  
to the DVD version  
of the First Annual  
Robot Tournament



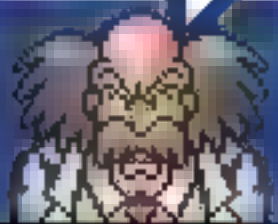
My name is Dr Albert  
Wily and as part of my  
recent sentencing I've  
been orde... asked to  
appear on this DVD



Before we begin let  
me just say that I hope  
you enjoy watching  
these DVDs as much  
as I did making them.

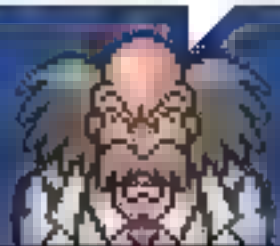


Well, right up until  
I was caught that is.

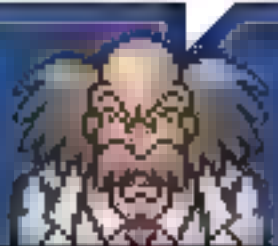




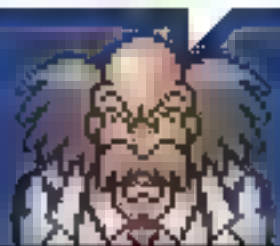
As you may or may not be aware there was much more to the robot tournament than my hostile takeover at the end



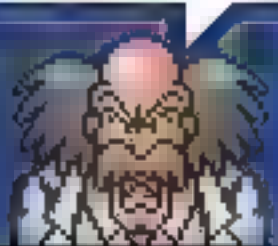
Over sixty robots participated in what was supposed to be Mr X's plan for international robotic cooperation



I sent in my robots, as did Dr Cossack and Dr Light along with several lesser known roboticists from around the world



And everything was going fine until that damn idiot from the future showed up



The tournament was set up in a tiered structure. All the robots would pair off and fight in the first round, with the winners advancing to the second

And so on, and so on and so on, until only eight robotic contestants were left

FIRST ANNUAL  
BOT TOURNAMENT

What? I'm here to explain this shit, not entertain you people

And now...

Prepare yourselves...

For the greatest event  
in television history...

# The First Annual Robot Tournament!

Tonight, before your very  
eyes, the world will be  
changed as robots from  
around the world come  
together as never before

Representatives from  
around the globe come  
together in epic battle  
to decide which is the  
most powerful robot  
in the entire world

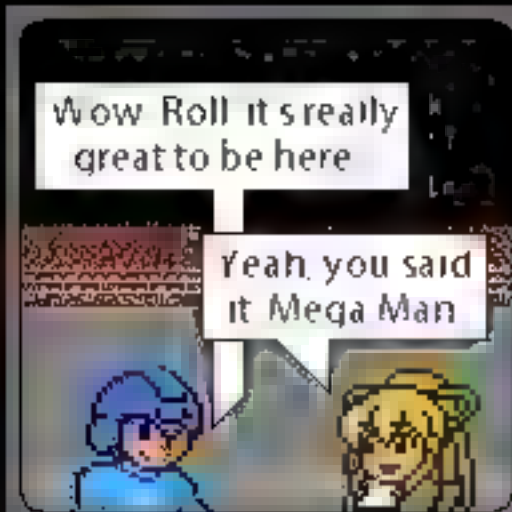
Never before has  
an event of this  
magnitude ever

Okay I think  
that's enough

Ah, but I was just  
getting warmed up...

I know that's  
why I stopped you

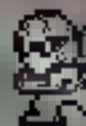




Now before we bring out the contestants, let me introduce tonight's referee the mysterious visitor from beyond, Bob



With Bob here the tournament is guaranteed to be completely fair and honorable. Isn't that right?

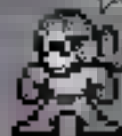


That's absolutely correct, Mr. X. This tournament will be completely fair. No cheating whatsoever.



Pst Bob, they can't see you, winko behind your sunglasses.

Not my problem.



Now Bob, would you like to explain the rules for the audience?

It's pretty simple.



In this first round, all sixty-four robots will pair up and fight. The winners will move on while the losers will be sent home.



Anyone cheating will be immediately eliminated from the competition.



And by eliminated, you mean sent home, right?

Yeah, sure.





Welcome to Round  
One of the First Annual  
Robot Tournament!

Round 1



His opponent in this first  
battle is none other than  
the master of magnetism:

Magneto?



No Magnet Man



Knight Man comes to  
us from Great Britain  
as a symbol of chivalry  
honor and culture



Mega Man, I think  
you forgot the "u"  
in "honour"

Bite me bitch



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Bite me bitch



Your swordsmanship is  
no match for my ninjitsu

There will be no  
honour in this...



Must I truly fight  
this knave?

Of course you re gonna  
fight me And I'm gonna  
friggin kick your ass.



Eat Ninja Magnets.



Ninja Magnets?

Well I can't really get  
them into star shapes...



I feel obligated to  
inform thee this  
endeavour wilt n-



What the hell?

My shield blocks attacks.



Agh You metal wearing  
medieval

Prithee I doth not even  
knoweth what some of  
those words meaneth



Fine If my Nin, a Magnets  
won't work. I'll use my  
Magnetic Attraction

I wouldst vanly recom-  
mendeth against that

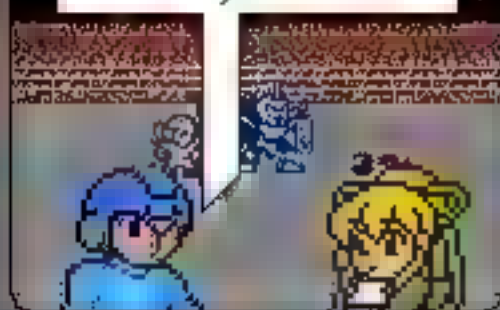


The winner

I tried to warn him.



And so the first battle  
ends with the defeat  
of Magnet Man



Wasn't that an ex-  
citing battle Roll?

No, not really How  
many more of these  
things are there?

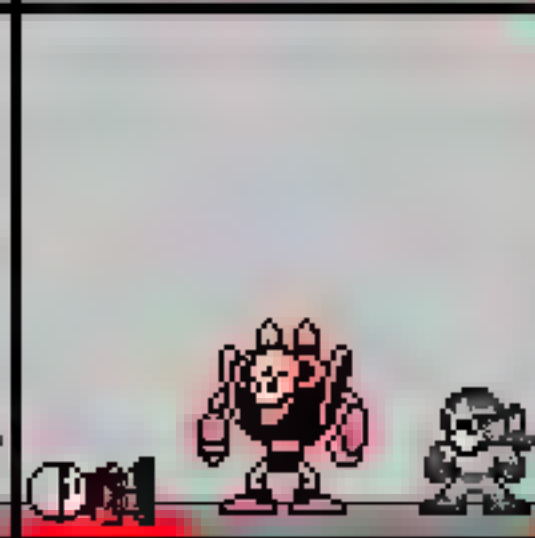
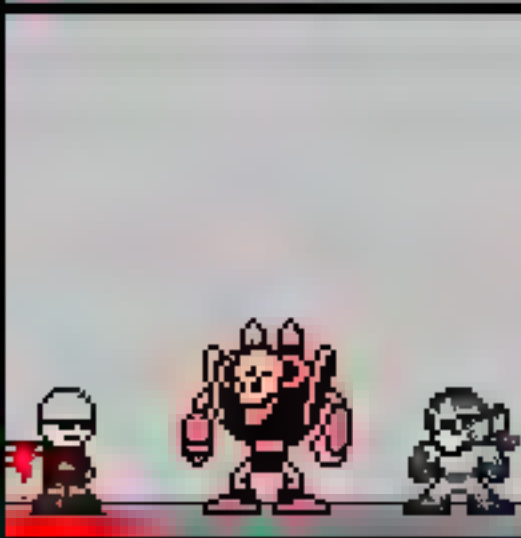
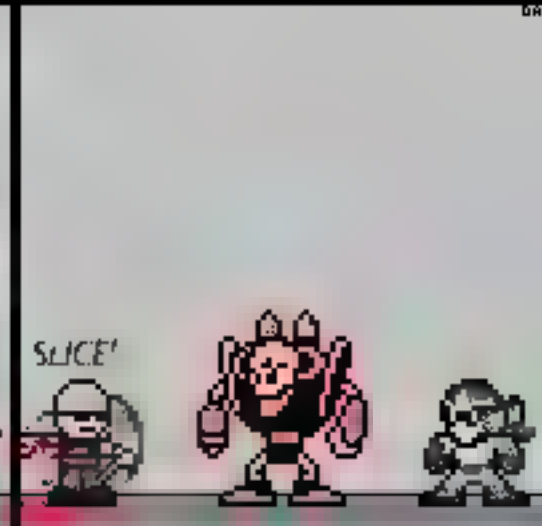
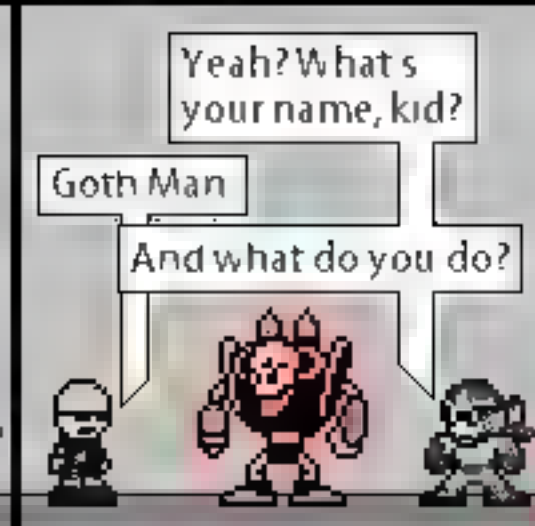
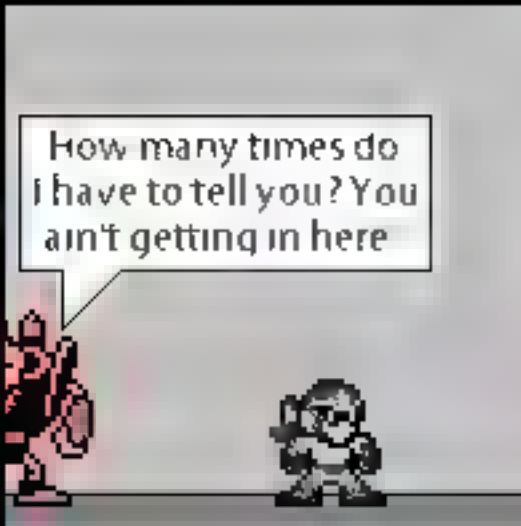


In Round One?  
Only thirty-one

Oh, dear god...  
kill me now







in battle seven we have  
Wind Man competing  
against.. uh, Ball Man

What the hell? Ball Man?

Uh, so yeah, Wind Man  
comes from China and..

Nobody cares. Just  
watch the stupid battle

Have at you

Uh...

rot, roll

rot, roll

Aaaah

**CRASH!**

The winner



Mynd...

What? You? What are you doing here?



I have come for you  
I have need of you

What? Why?



The forces allying them-  
selves against me have  
grown stronger I have  
need of your assistance



Why are you in  
the shadows?

I can't let the readers  
know who I am yet



Now can you explain  
why I should help you?

Simple You owe me



Owe you? For what?

For not killing you  
when I had the chance



You make it sound as if  
it would be easy for you

I am more powerful than  
you can possibly imagine



And if I wasn't hiding  
in the shadows, I would  
show you first hand..



Well, I gotta say Roll,  
this has been an excellent  
tournament so far  
wouldn't you say?

No

How can you say that?  
In the very first battle  
Knight Man bravely and  
nadvertantly destroyed  
infamous Magnet Man

And that was followed  
by the seventeen hour  
battle between Pacifist  
Man and Paste Man

No you go !

No, no I'm against  
fighting You go

I'm stuck to the  
ground You go



Okay so maybe the second battle wasn't that great, but what about the Clash of the Titans?

The what?

The fight between Wave Man and Centaur Man

What the hell are you talking about?

Fear the wrath of Poseiden God of the Seas and Oceans:



Uh... It's kinda hard to get a tsunami in the auditorium...



So what, you're saying  
you hate all the battles  
in the tournament?

I liked the Crystal  
Man and Flash Man  
fight. It was short.

You know I'm just  
gonna freeze time  
and kill you, right?

Go right ahead.

I knew I'd win.



If all you care about is how quick the battles are you're missing the point

Oh? What's the point?

The point is honor, respect, and integrity among opponents!

Oh yeah, we saw how well that worked out

You honor me with this battle, honored elder

Elder? You callin' me old, boy?!

I mean no disrespect

It shows you disrespect when I kick your ass.

If you attack I will have no choice but to defend myself

Defend all you want, but unless you think you got the skill to slip that pole o' yours in between the...

Hunh... how bout that...

Thank

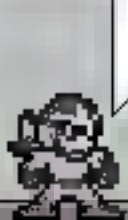
How does the tournament?

Good enough, but I wish I knew which of these stupid robots are supposed to win

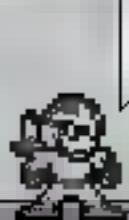


What? Aren't you from the future? Don't you know?

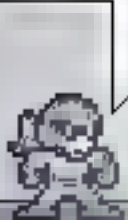
Sure but I was just a kid when this game came out I never played it myself



No the family member that played these games was my brother George If only he was here...

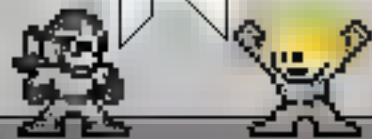


No way...



George? What the hell are you doing here?

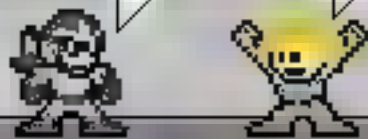
What kind of stupid question is that? I'm here to rescue you



Rescue me? From what?

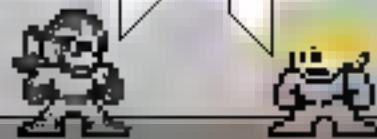
Being stuck in the past

Oh, that I appreciate the offer but I'm not ready to go yet

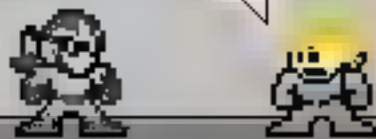


What? I traveled through time voluntarily to come rescue you And I HATE traveling through time

Too bad I'm not leaving yet



You know this rescue isn't anything like the one I imagined earlier

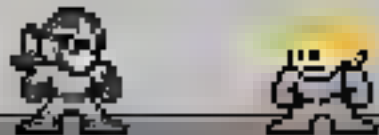
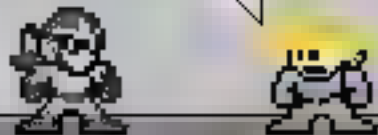


I don't get it. Why would you want to stay here?

I'm in the middle of something.



What have you teamed up with Dr. Wily to take over the world or something?



Oh God, you have, haven't you?

You wouldn't believe me if I said no anyway.



Look it's more complicated  
than that I can't leave until  
the timeline has been fixed

What?

When I first got here  
nothing was like it  
was supposed to be  
Dr Wily hadn't even  
kidnapped Mr X yet

It's almost like I have  
to be here to set things  
right... almost like fate...

Bob... I had no idea you  
cared so much for the

Hah I totally got you  
I'm here trying to  
up the timeline again

Damnit I knew it

Bob. I can't let you  
screw up the timeline

Then I guess you're just  
going to have to help us.

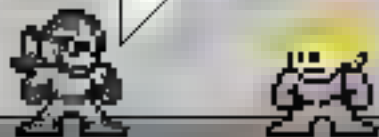


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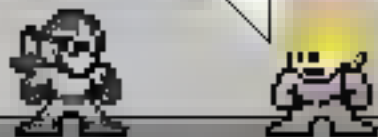
If you don't help us,  
then who knows how  
things'll turn out?



As long as you're helping  
us, then you have some  
control over how things  
turn out. Then you can  
prevent the timeline from  
getting too screwed up



Your ideas are intriguing  
to me and I wish to sub-  
scribe to your newsletter



Welcome back to the show. While you were gone you missed some really great battles

No you didn't

You ready to fight Waip Man?

I dunno You ready to die?

What?

POW

Oh this is gonna suck

fter a lengthy battl

Ha I finally got you

I know

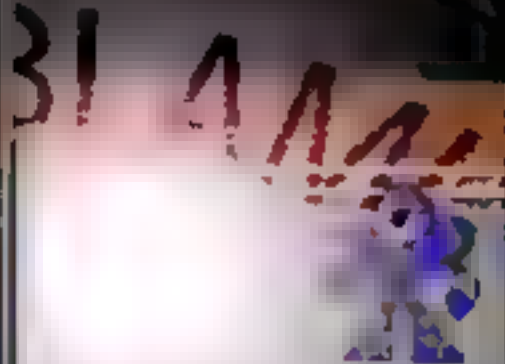
Wait what?



Wait a minute  
where are you



Aw clap





Okay so maybe that battle wasn't that great but you have to admit the battle after that was classic.

The Wind Man and Ball Man fight?



AAAAAAAAAHHH  
Someone stop me



No no the one after that

Oh yeah, totally Atari



You die now Pac Man

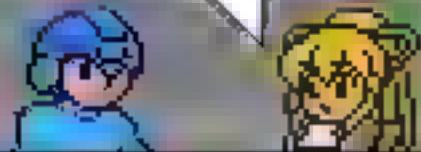
Wakka wakka







Okay while I might admit that Ghost Man devouring Pac Man's soul was a little creepy...



It doesn't compare to what Plant Man did to Cut Man...



Cut down my brethren, will you? Let's see how you like being plucked

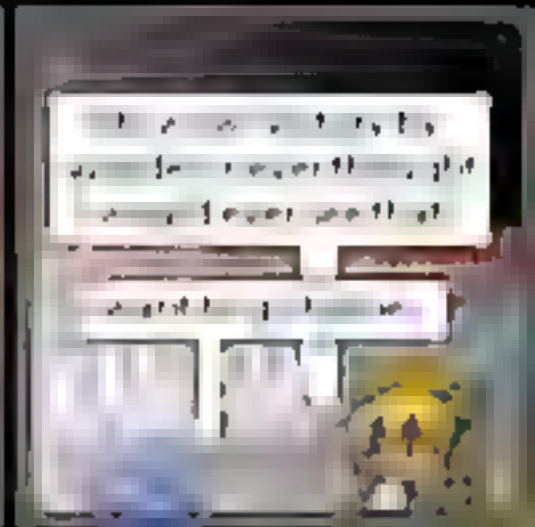
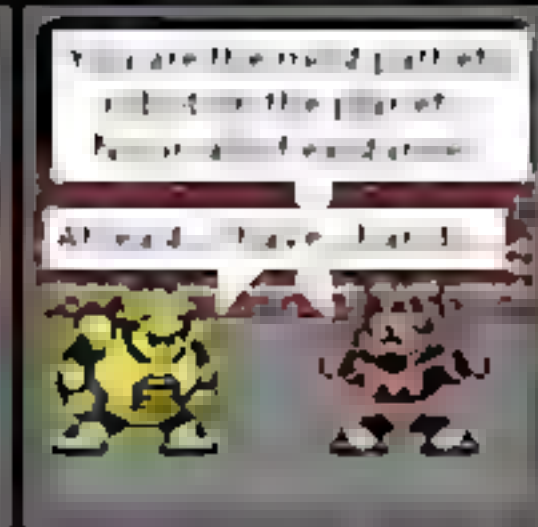


There goes the progress I was making in therapy

I still can't figure out how he kept screaming after...

Just stop





And now, the ultimate  
fight The fight you've  
all been waiting for



The battle between

**Click!**

Hey I was apparently  
waiting for that battle

Too bad It's time  
to get ready for the  
anniversary party



Oh crap... there're  
gonna be cameos  
again, aren't there?

We better get out  
the recolor traps.



Hey I just had a thought

What's that?

What happens when  
the Author shows up?  
Isn't he a recolor too?

We probably should  
have gotten the non-  
lethal traps then...

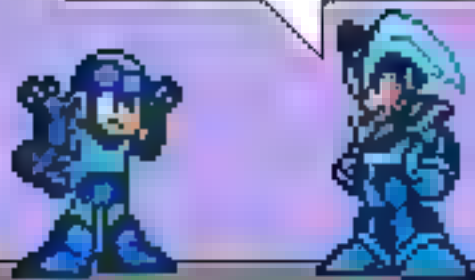
# No Comic Today On Account Of Devious Recolor Traps





# No Comic Today On Account Of Massive Time Traveling Accident

What do you mean,  
Dr Wily stne bad guy?



Behold, my greatest  
creation Proto Bass:



This sucks



You're telling me?



I hate time travel



# No Comic Today On Account Of Flying Spaghetti Monster

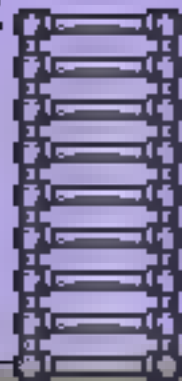


**No Comic Today On Account Of Bitchy Wife**



**No Comic Today On Account of Sheer, Abject Laz**

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Welcome back, once  
again, to the First Annual  
Robot Tournament

Are you feeling  
better Mega Man?

Much. Once I had Dr.  
Light tweak my ethical  
programming, nothing  
bothers me anymore.

Anyway, the next battle  
on the list is Charge Man  
versus Tomahawk Man.

A Train bot versus a  
Native American bot.

The symbolism is  
thick enough to  
cut with a knife.

Here I come  
ready or not

CHARGE

Indian Head  
Penny Nooo

BOOM

Next we have what  
should prove to be  
an interesting battle

Oh, why's that?

It's between Ring Man  
and Snake Man. They're  
pretty evenly matched  
and they don't have  
any humorous quirks.

Oh, so you mean  
it'll be boring.

Uh...

So, seen any good  
movies lately?

Not really, you?

No, unfortunately.







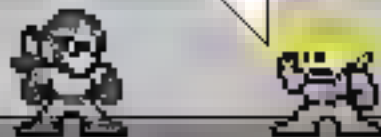
So, what exactly is  
you want me to do?

For starters, do you  
have any idea who's  
supposed to win this  
stupid tournament?

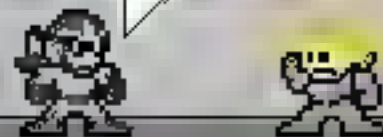


Well, sure it s... wait a minute if I tell you wouldn't  
that change the future? Could knowledge of the  
future change things, making it so that the robots  
that are supposed to win the tournament don't?

My god, just my being here could be changing  
things. Don't you see? It's the butterfly effect



Oh, that reminds  
me I need to kill  
Ashton Kutcher  
before we leave



George what if  
we were meant to  
come back in time?

What?

What if we re supposed  
to be here to make sure  
that the robots that are  
supposed to win do?

You mean... we re  
fated to be here?

Yeah, sure

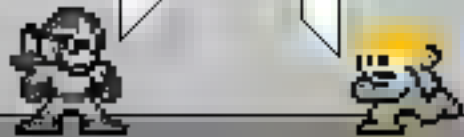
Well... that changes  
everything...

Oh god What if we re *not*  
doing something we re  
supposed to be doing?

I give up

Okay okay, I'll help  
What is it you think  
we're here to do?

Well first we have to  
make sure the robots  
that are supposed to  
win actually win



Okay let's see There  
was Centaur Man...

Already won

And Knight Man...

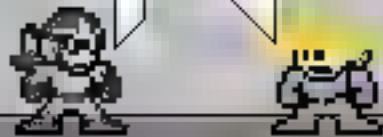
Same



Oh, and there was that  
stupid Plant Man

Yeah he won... technically

Oh, yeah... I saw that  
in the documentary



Who would've thought  
a robot would have  
so much blood?

I'm still having  
nightmares.

They had to edit  
out most of it



Do you remember the other robots that make up the final eight?

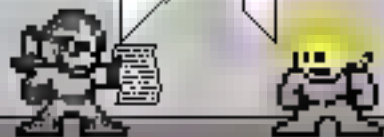
What about Yamato Man?

He already won



I think that's all I can remember

Maybe if I show you the list of contestants, one of them might jog your memory



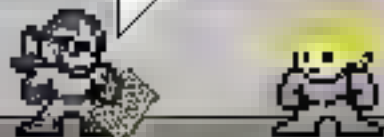
Who's fighting now?

Let's see... looks like Flame Man and...

Oh Flame Man's one of them! He's supposed to win



Oh, that's a shame cause Pudding Man is kicking his ass.



How the hell can Pudding Man actually be winning?

It looks like Flame Man is refusing to fight

What? Why not?

Perhaps he has non-violent religious beliefs.

How can that be? He's wearing a turban

George That is a highly bigoted thing to say

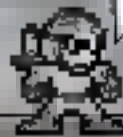
Not everyone who wears a turban is automatically a radical jihadist. There are many non-violent religions that include the wearing of a turban, including Sikhism.



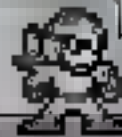
Uh... why is the comic focusing on us? Isn't it supposed to focus on the fighters during a battle?



Management felt that showing Flame Man fighting might cause some complaints...



...both from the racists that don't want to see Flame Man win and the people that would call us racists if Flame Man started to lose



So in other words, we can't win and probably neither can Flame Man?



So what are we gonna do? Flame Man has to win but he can't if he doesn't fight back.

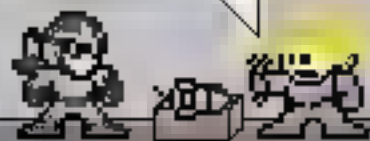
I just happen to have a plan

I've been toying with the idea of writing a program that can allow us to take control of Robot Masters.

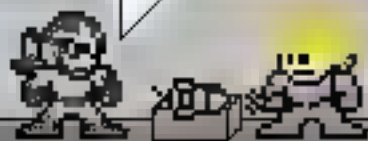
That's where you come in I need a device to upload the program to the Robot Masters, but you know I'm no good with hardware

Well, we'd better hurry Looks like Pudding Man is going all Bill Cosby on Flame Man's ass.

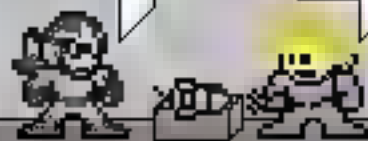
Now, you re not going to use this device to take over the Robot Masters for your own evil purposes, are you?



Of course not All we re going to use it for is to make sure the timeline progresses as it should



We re just going to use it to make sure the Robot Masters that re supposed to win this tournament end up in the final round



Good

And then we re going to turn it over to Dr Wily for his evil purposes.



Good

Wait what?

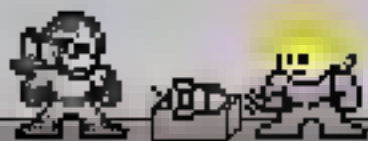


What do you mean  
we're going to turn it  
over to Dr. Wily? We  
can't give it to him!

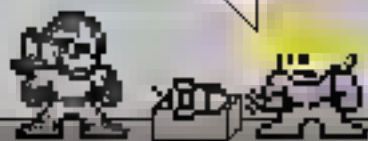
Don't you under-  
stand, George?



Dr. Wily is supposed to  
take control of those  
robots at the end of the  
tournament. Clearly we  
were fated to come here  
and build the device that  
will allow him to do that.



I'm so conflicted...



Arrgghh Fine Whatever  
The stupid thing is done  
Do what you want with it

Sweet

Oh god There s baked  
pudding everywhere  
What am I British?!

Wow. Roll, that sure was an exciting battle, wasn't it?

It didn't start off that way, but whatever got into Flame Man in those last few moments certainly made things interesting.



Who do we have next?

Looks like Metal Man and Wood Man.

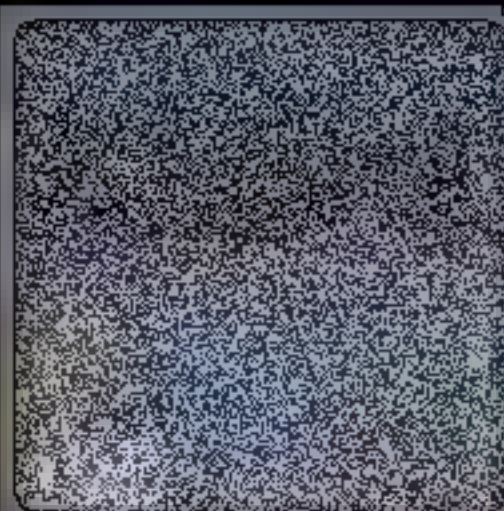
What? Are you sure you're reading that thing right?



Positive

What kind of battle is that going to be? I mean, Metal Man versus Wood Man? Where's the challenge?

Well, apparently.

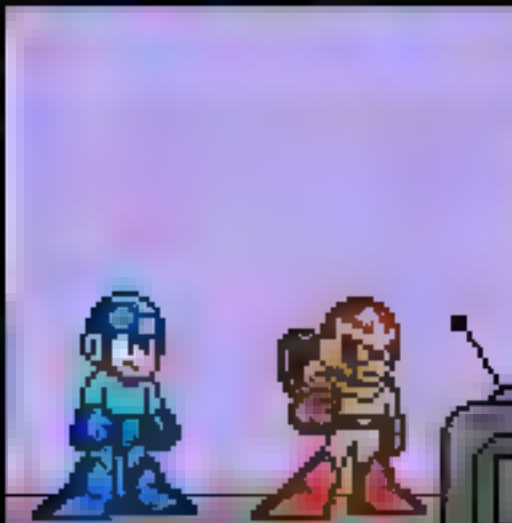
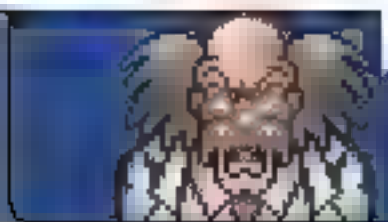


Oh yeah? How old was she?

What? We're back on?



Oh, uh, Dr. Wily here. Just letting you know that you have reached the end of Disc One. Be sure to run out and buy Disc Two for more tournament excitement.



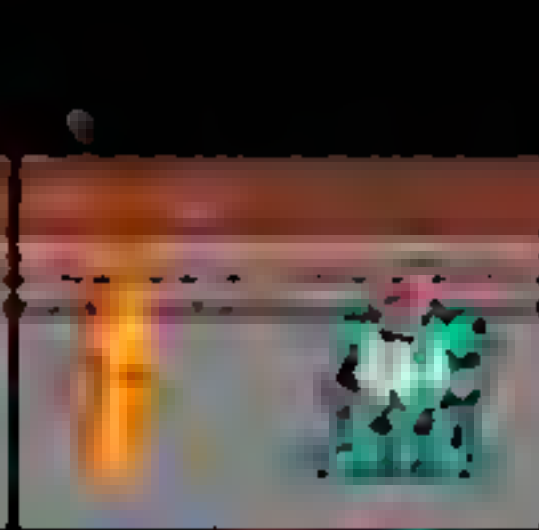
There are more discs?

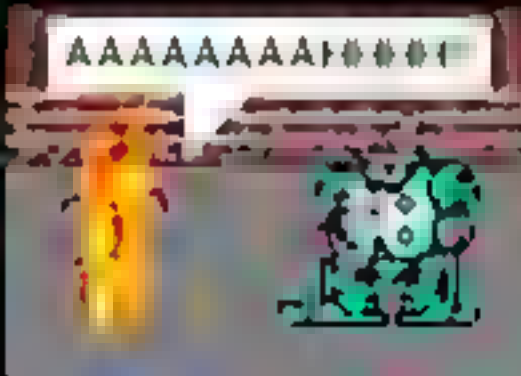
Yeah, but they won't be here until Wednesday.















Well this is certainly odd

What's that?

Look at this.



According to this,  
after the Pharaoh  
Man-Fire Man fight...



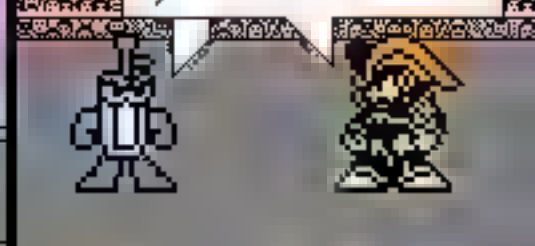
...it was someone named  
Urinal Man versus...

What? But...  
how did he...?



Dude Ack That's gross.

Sorry I didn't realize  
you were a robot



Dude is that Bass?

Hmm, yes, that's "Bass Man" He's my latest creation



I built him in an attempt to duplicate Mega Man's ability to absorb weapon powers. The hope is to finally be able to defeat that blasted blue robot



How did you know his name?



Oh, I know him from the future



Wow, he's still around? I must've made him better than I thought

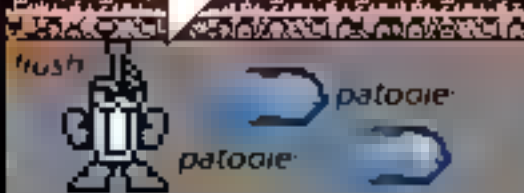


Quit running and  
fight me you pansy

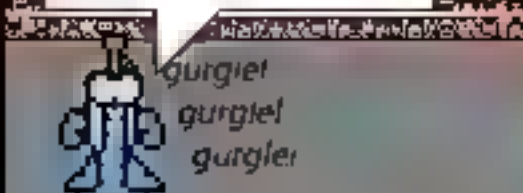
No You re icky God only  
knows who s used you



Taste my watery wiath

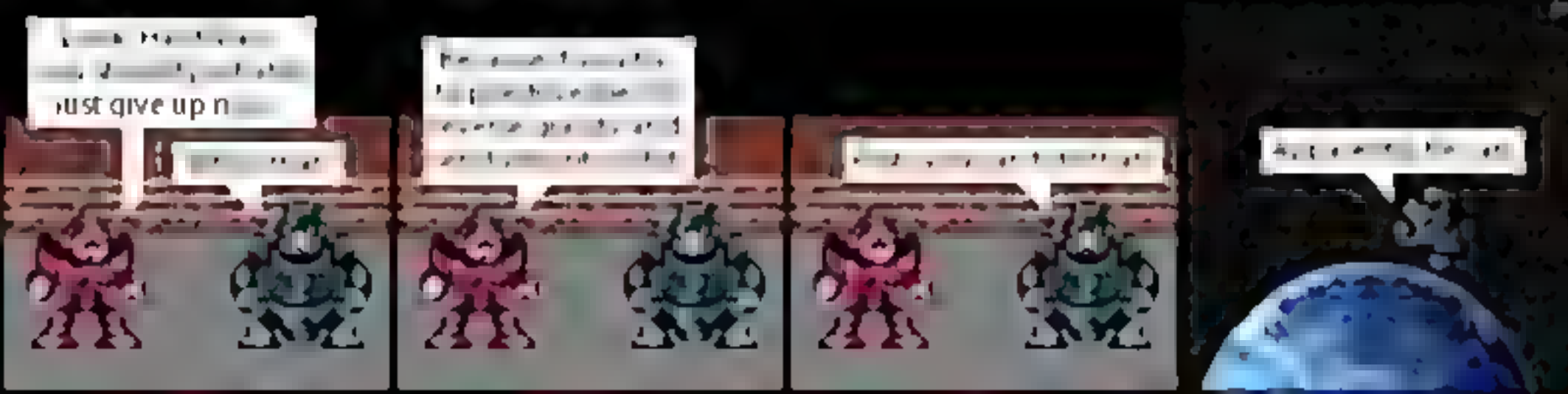


Oh no Air bubble  
I can't breathe



Does this  
mean I win?



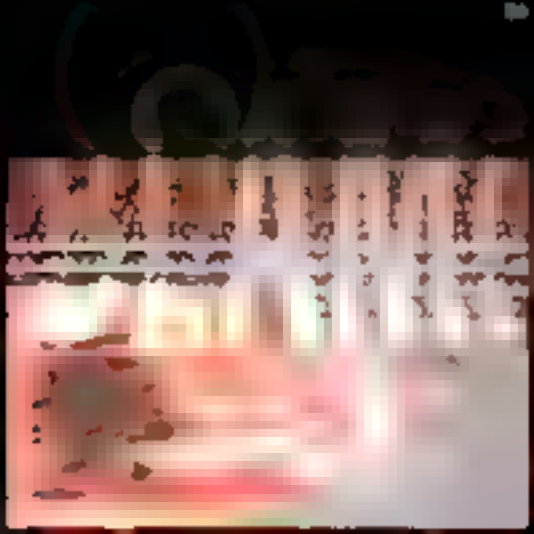


Oh-oh Is it my turn?  
Who do I get to fight

Me



AAAAHH!!!



Make your peace now  
Quark Man You have  
no chance against us.

Us?

What do you have  
to say now punk?  
It's two against one

Well...

I'd say we like those odds.

This is all your fault you know

What? How is this my fault?!

If you didn't lie all the time

Ugh

Are you ready Star Man?

Are you kidding I was  
born ready With my  
star power I can't lose

What?



My star power makes  
me a celebrity which  
automatically makes  
me super popular



And everyone knows that  
the more popular person  
in a fight always wins.

Now who am I fighting?



I forfeit



Me





So who's next?

Looks like Bomb  
Man and...



THOOM!  
THOOM!  
THOOM!



What the hell is that?!

That my capitalistic  
friends, is Ran... Mark 2.



I took everything that  
was wrong with Ran  
and made it better





Oh my god... This  
is horrible. Where's  
the ref? He's got to  
put a stop to this.



AAAAA



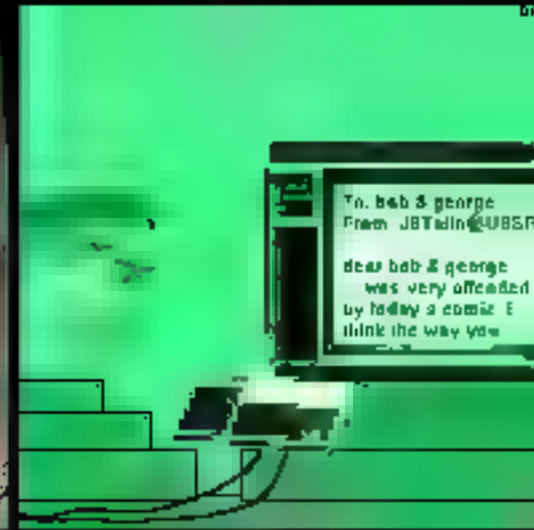
I think that's you

Oh right. Nevermind.



That's odd. I don't recall  
designing Bomb Man  
with that much blood.





It's a very nice  
tree, but it's not  
the best one yet.



It's a very nice  
tree, but it's not  
the best one yet.



It's a very nice  
tree, but it's not  
the best one yet.



Okay I think we got  
everything settled with  
the copyright issues

Unfortunately the  
agreement says jazz  
has to win this battle

You are saying I have  
to forfeit this battle?

Actually

I'm sorry but the condi-  
tions of the agreement  
were quite specific

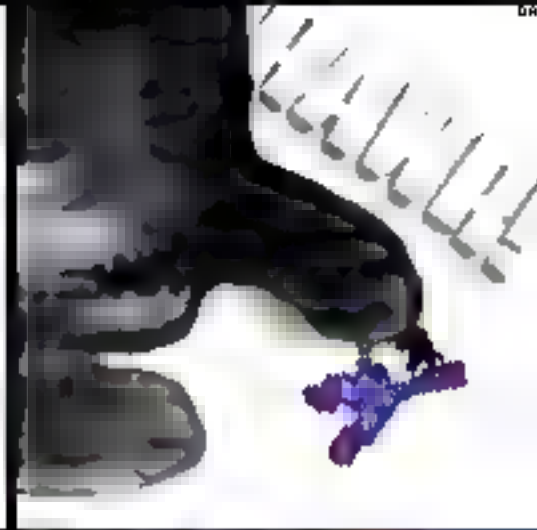




Uh...



Quiet douche  
I'm meditating



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You might think everyone else is doing it, but they're not.

You might think it's cool, but it's not.

Don't let peer pressure trick you into doing something you'll regret.

**Remember, socks are a privilege, not a right.**

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Maneki Man, why don't  
you just give up now?

What? Why should I?

Because I'm the mouse and the mouse always  
wins these kinds of fights. You'll set up some sort of  
elaborate trap and when I don't play along with it  
you'll get upset and accidentally set it off yourself

Um... nuh-uh...





Oh ho Here comes  
Maneki Man To check  
on his trap no doubt  
I'd better hide



Nuts No Mouse Man  
yet What could be  
taking him so long?



How inconsiderate  
Doesn't he know how  
expensive this tra



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How! You stupid

of the world  
I am not a  
stupid person  
I am a person



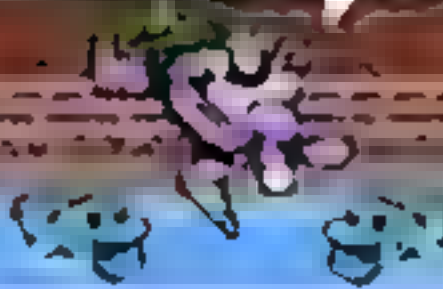
How!



How!



How!



For those of you who  
may have thought the  
Maneki Man-Mouse Man  
fight went on too long...

Here's the short version.



The End

In the next battle  
the rhouses  
its Man

Yessi

All right time to-

Hah! Once I transform  
into a pile of rubble  
you can't hurt me



Hey what are you  
doing? You're not  
allowed to do that



Kid how do you think  
I defeat my enemies?

Now I just need some-  
thing to throw you at.



Hey what's going on?



Perfect

Mega Man What're  
you doing down here?

THE WINNER

Huh?

I thought you were  
supposed to be in the  
commentators box.

Oh, I was, but Roll  
kicked me out. She  
said she needed  
some alone time.

Oh yeah... 4.20,  
right on the dot.



Ah Quick Man I see  
you're my opponent  
in this little contest

And now exactly do  
you expect to do that?  
I can freeze time and  
that just happens to  
be your one weakness.

What? How could you  
possibly know that? I just  
saw it in my head! Watch  
watch you're a watch too  
but know with this you're  
not supposed to know

Actually I read  
it on Wikipedia



In fact you'd be amazed  
at all of the things you  
can find on Wikipedia



Did you know and quote, that  
the woven fabric, knitted fabric  
consists entirely of horizontal  
parallel courses of yarn. The

When this sh s ability  
can feel time slowing  
even as he speaks...



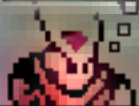
...and by the way, it's a so  
called meta fabric for a  
wide range of uses including the  
interior of cafeterias, data  
converters for cars and many  
other similar uses. These fabrics

Shit His boring speech is  
draining my life gauge



It can be done either by  
described below or by  
a machine in practice  
knitting is usually being  
"st on" by forming a base  
of twisted loops of yarn

Or was it was all the  
precious I smoked  
this morning?

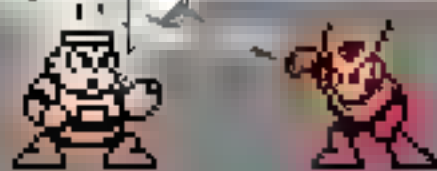


The earliest definite examples of knitting date from Europe and Egypt in the 14th century, although some claim that the technology dates back into centuries. The first written trade

Only one shot I've got to make it count



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patron a  
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Oh, wow That was way easier than I thought it would be



Yeah, who would've thought a giant glass light bulb for a brain would be so fragile?



Who's up next?

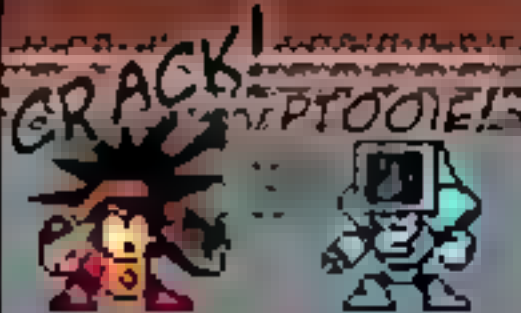
Looks like Heat Man  
and Dust Man

This is a filler panel, isn't it?

Yup



So Dust Man, you ready  
to be torched? Cause  
I hate to tell you this but  
I'm totally ready to



ow. You asshole  
That [redacted] hurt

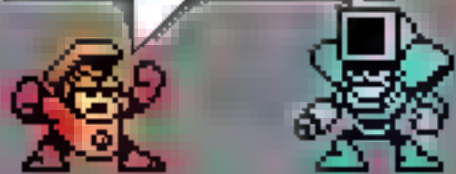


Look at this. I'm bleeding

What? How can you be bleeding? You're a robot

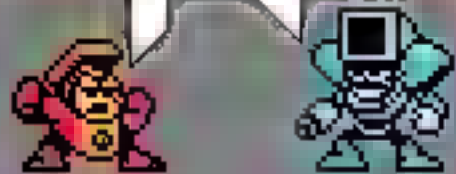


Okay, fine I may not be "bleeding" technically but I'm definitely leaking something



Smells like fuel.. damn it I'm leaking fuel

Pssh, you still use fuel? Loser



Oh? And what do you shoddily constructed Soviet bots use?

Nuclear fusion



Nuclear fusion? Isn't that dangerous?

Nah, there's plenty of safeguards on it.



Besides, it allows me to do neat things, like convert oxygen to neon, which should be of extra special interest to you.



Oh, why's that?

Because I'm sucking all the oxygen out of the air, and without it your little attacks won't work.



Uh, won't that also kill everyone in the audience?

Yeah, not my problem.



Well there's something  
that's your problem



why?



While you were sucking up all the oxygen you  
also collected quite a bit of my vaporized fuel  
and I'm guessing mixing vaporized jet fuel  
and a vacuum cleaner is a really bad idea



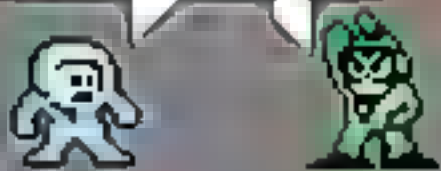
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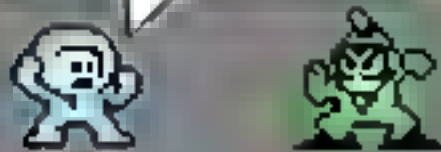
SLAM!

Are you ready  
to die Ice Man?

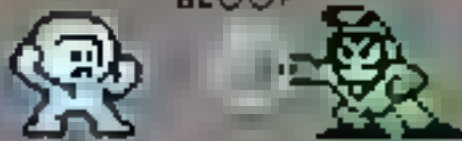
Uh you second-gen  
Robot Masters are  
always so cocky



I think you're just full of  
talk. Show me what you  
can do, Bubble Man.

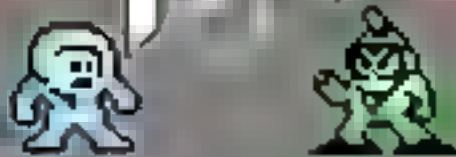


BLOOP!

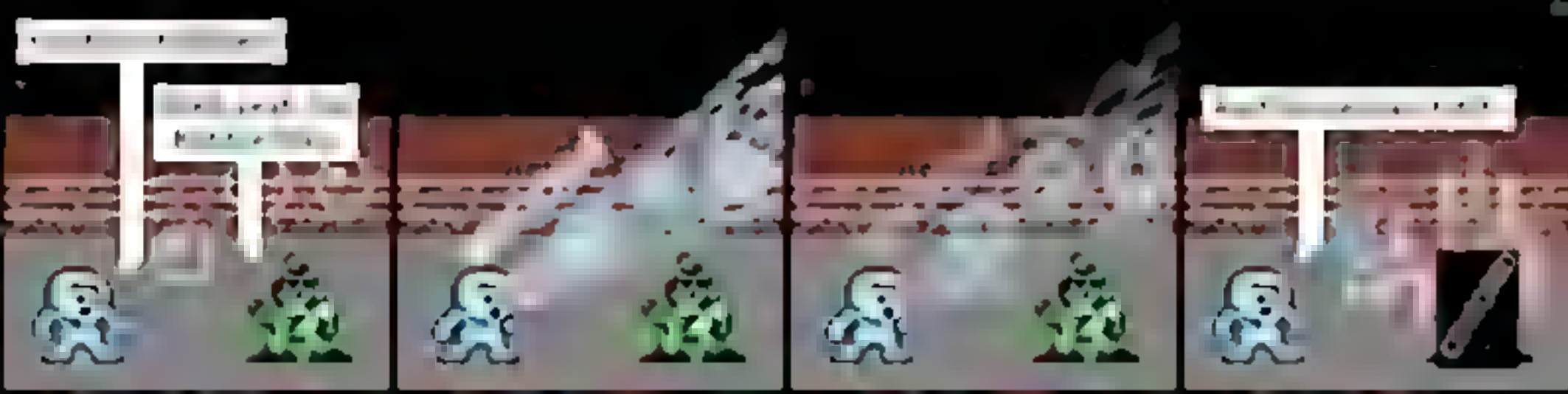


You're  
kidding right?

I'm quite fearsome  
underwater, really.







In the next battle we  
have Nappa & Vegeta



Vegeta: I can

only leave, expect it  
to end any other way?



In the next battle we  
have Gyro Man versus...

Hello lover



Oh hell

Yes, that's right It's the  
one and only Top Man

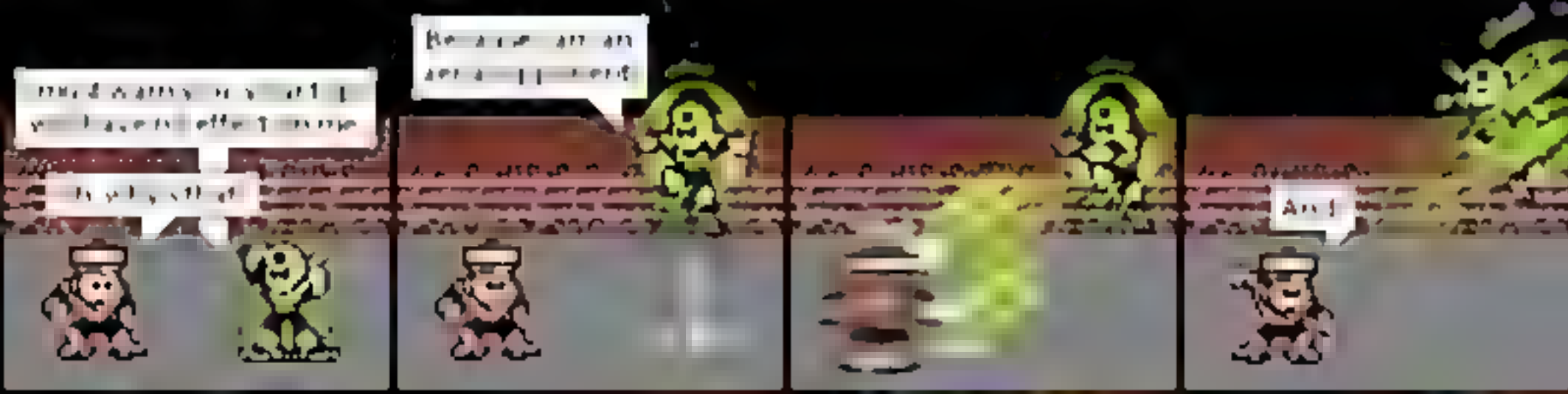


Top Man I have heard of  
your battle skill and you  
honor me with this battle



Ooh I like you If I wasn't  
in a long term relation-  
ship I would definitely  
take you for a spin





So Elec Man are  
you ready to

Stop right there



Drill Man are you  
sure you want to go  
through with this?

Hell yeah I'm totally  
gonna kick your ass.



All right I tried

He's all yours.

Huh?



You're... pathetic...



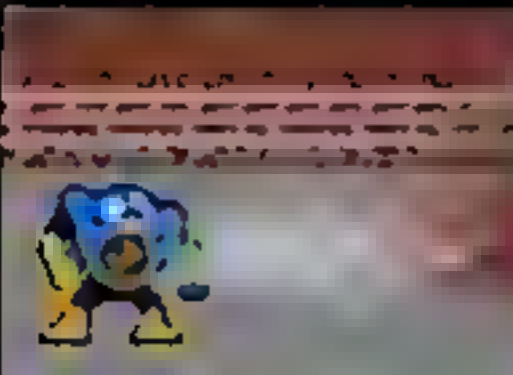
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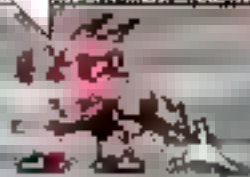


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All right enough of this.



Um... did he leave?  
Does this mean I win?



No, seriously is he  
coming back or what?

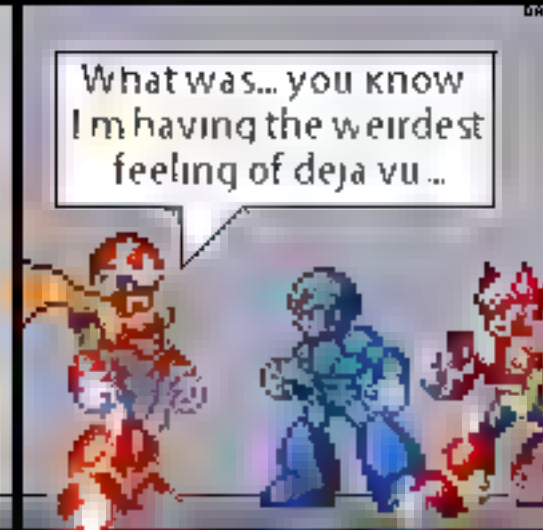


CRASH



It's called a  
partisan, bitch







You know I just got  
the weirdest feeling  
like something bad  
is gonna happen

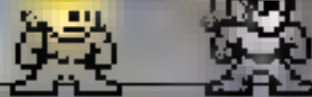


You've just been in the  
comic too long. You're  
getting paranoid.

Yeah, you're probably  
right. Who's up next?



Looks like the second  
round is going to start  
off with Knight Man  
and Pacifist Man...



Oh, I just had an  
awesome idea.

Aah. There it is again.



What do you  
have in mind?

The next fight has  
Pacifist Man in it...



Yes, and because he's  
a pacifist, he won't  
attack Knight Man

But what if he did?



But he...

I just happen to have  
a little toy that will  
make sure he does...



It's time like these that  
I'm tempted to use this  
time suit to go back in  
time and see to it that  
you're never conceived



## Round 2



Salutations, Pacifist Man

Hi Knight Man  
Nice day huh?

Indeed, though today  
we must do battle



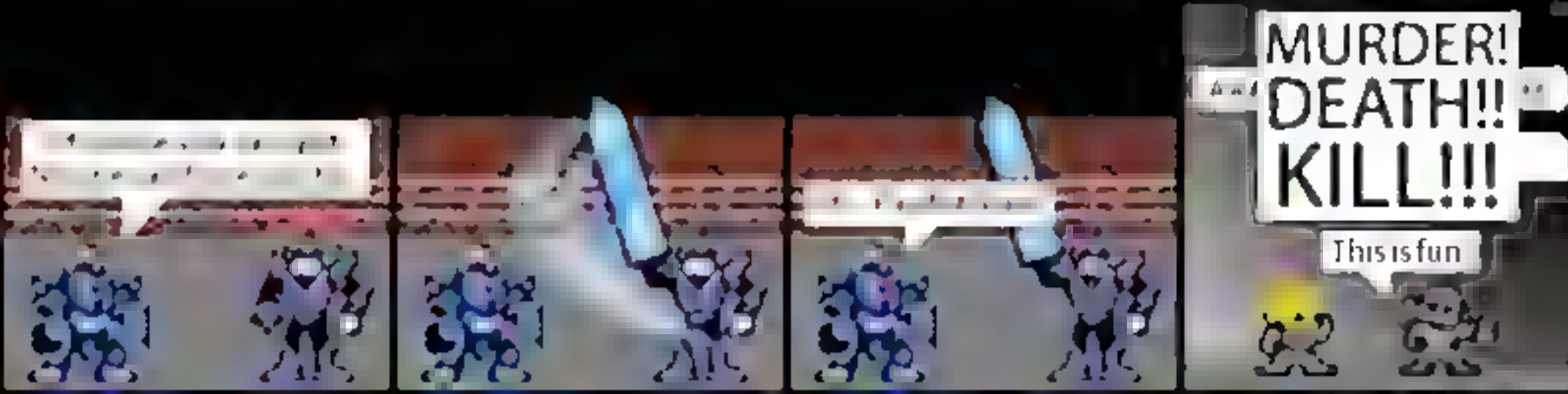
I have to warn you I'm a  
pacifist so I won't fight

If that's the case why  
not just forfeit and drop  
out of the tournament?



I can do that?





Bob You can't do this.

What? Funny, cause it looks like I *am* doing it



Bob you can't kill Knight Man He's supposed to survive the tournament

So?



So? So?! SO?! You're going to screw up the [redacted] timeline you [redacted] asshole



You say that as if I should care



Okay George calm down  
you know what happens  
when you mix electricity  
and time machines.

And the last thing you  
need right now is to get  
stuck even further in the  
past with no way to get  
back to the present

Besides, he's your brother  
and everyone knows that  
brothers can't hurt each  
other with their powers,  
just like Scott and Alex  
Summers from X-Men

Still, I've got to find a  
way to stop him. Maybe  
if I could get my blaster  
working... I mean, both  
of them were made by  
the same company.  
All right, I'm done. It's  
got to be worth a try, what?

Wait, what do you mean you're done?

Come on, George you didn't really think I was gonna let Pacifist Man kill Knight Man, didja?



I know how important the timeline is to you and I wouldn't let anything *that* bad happen



Besides, this way Knight Man will be *really* pissed off and it'll make Pacifist Man's death all that more spectacular/entertaining



Hey do you think you  
could increase the re-  
sponse time and band-  
width on this thing?

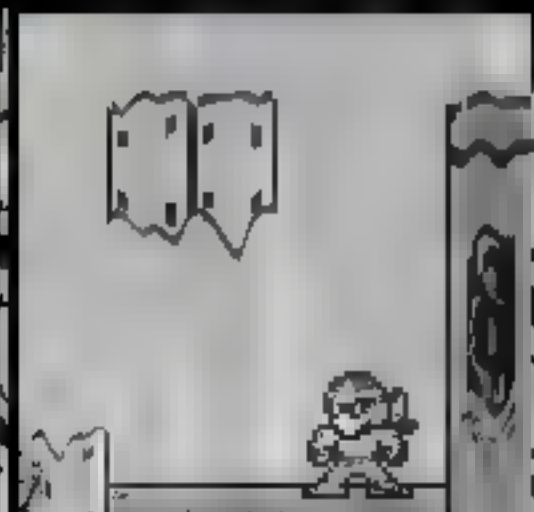
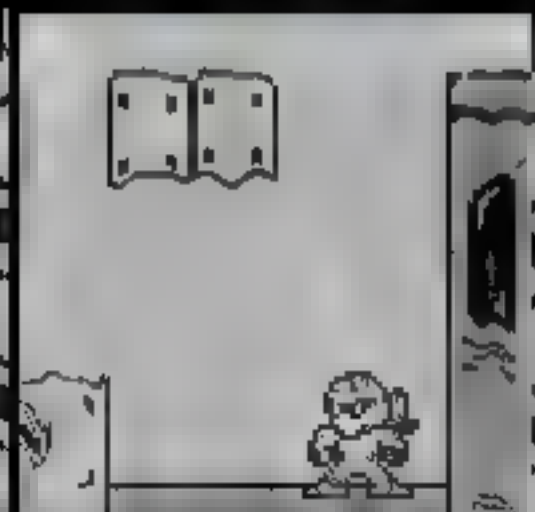
I think so. Let me mess  
around with it for a bit.

You know Bob, I think  
may finally be starting  
to understand you.

What?

Know you want every  
one to think you're evil  
and everything but I  
think deep down you  
are actually a nice guy.

Well, I'm gonna  
go work on this.  
See you later.





Hey George are you  
almost done with that?

Yeah, I just finished



Now you're not going  
to do anything "evil"  
with this, are you?



POW!



Would I do some-  
thing like *that*?



Oh... my head...  
what happened?

Oh crap that's right...  
Bob hit me... and must  
have knocked me out

Damn, I knew I shouldn't  
have called him nice or  
mocked his evilness.

Then again, what's  
the worst that could...



WELCOME TO THE

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Bob? What in the name of all that is holy and/or wholly unholy do you think you're doing?



WELCOME TO THE

Well, first I infected Mega Man with a virus that will turn him evil and cause this entire tournament to descend into chaos.



WELCOME TO THE

Then I'm going to use the time machine I stole from you to make as big a mess of the timeline as is physically possible

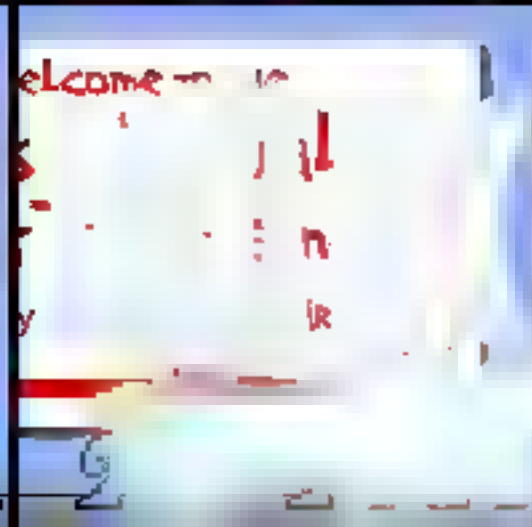
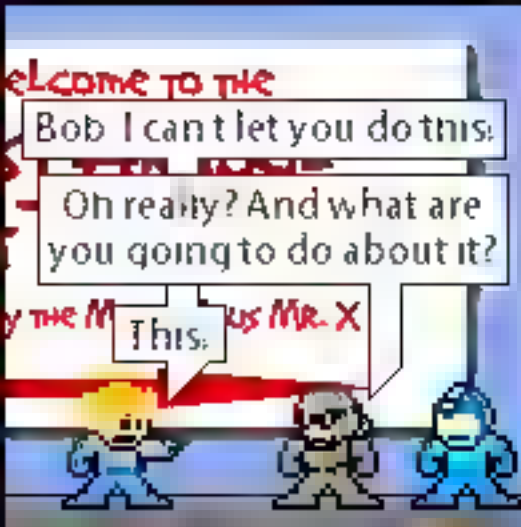


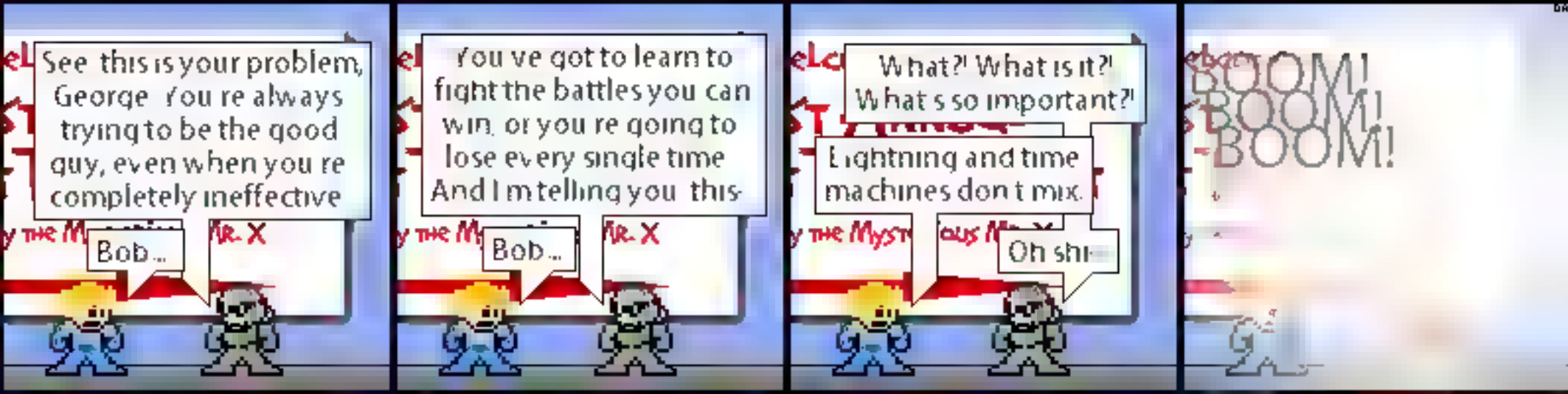
WELCOME TO THE

And if I'm real lucky I might even get to find out what really happens when I kill my own grandfather



Not Grandpappy?





See this is your problem,  
George. You're always  
trying to be the good  
guy, even when you're  
completely ineffective.

You've got to learn to  
fight the battles you can  
win, or you're going to  
lose every single time.  
And I'm telling you this.

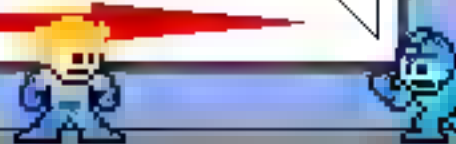
What? What is it?  
What's so important?  
Lightning and time  
machines don't mix.

BOOM!  
BOOM!  
BOOM!

Welcome to the  
**1ST ANNUAL**  
**TOURNAMENT**

by the Mys

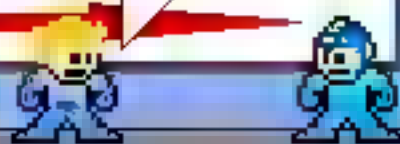
Oh my god What  
did you do to Bob?



Welcome to the  
**1ST ANNUAL**  
**TOURNAMENT**

by the Mys

I just sent him on a  
little uncontrolled  
trip through time



Welcome to the  
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**TOURNAMENT**

by the Mys

With any luck he end-  
ed up alone some place  
nice where he can think  
about what he's done



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by the Mys

I like to think of it as  
a temporal time-out



Don't you understand what you've done? You have killed your brother

What?

You have no idea where that time suit sent him!



He could be stuck in the Middle Ages with the Black Death. Or stuck in the distant past being devoured by dinosaurs!



My god. He's your little brother. You were supposed to watch out for him, and you just sent him to his likely death.

Oh god.



My mom's gonna kill me



Bob was right this is fun



Now Open!

Welcome to the

Wait a minute... this is Bob we're talking about. Since when has there ever been a situation he couldn't handle?



Oh crap. He's coming to his senses. I need something to push him completely over the edge.



Now Open!

Welcome to the  
ST ANNUAL

You just destroyed your only chance of getting back to your own time.



Now Open!



Perfect



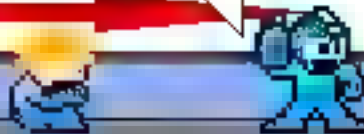
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It's time to die you

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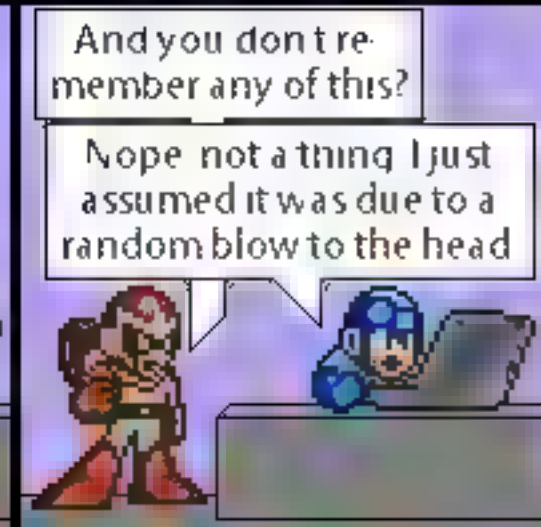


**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Infected by the Mysterious





What's going on?

Mega Man has destroyed nearly half the remaining tournament contestants.



The survivors have fortified themselves in the control room while Ran Mk II attempts to stall him.



Attempts to stall him? I've seen Ran Mk II. How could Mega Man stand a chance against him?



Ran Mk II has one weakness...



Eat Ran corpses, you Soviet monstrosity



All right listen up you robots. Mega Man has gone insane and clearly intends to kill you all

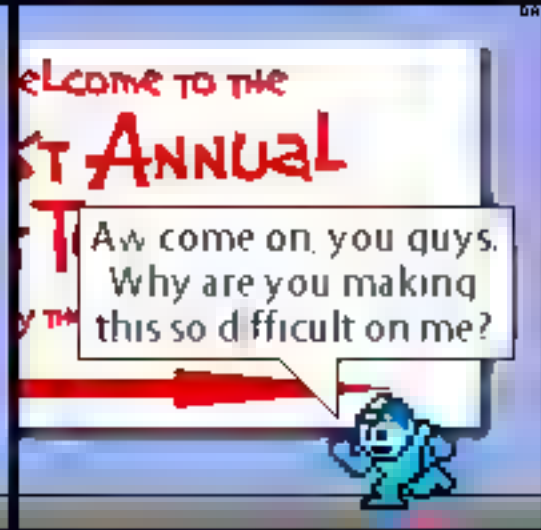
At my fortress, I have a weapon that might be able to stop him, but we have to get there first

Our only chance is to stick together and make a break for it

Any questions?

Yes, you in the back

Will there be punch and pie?









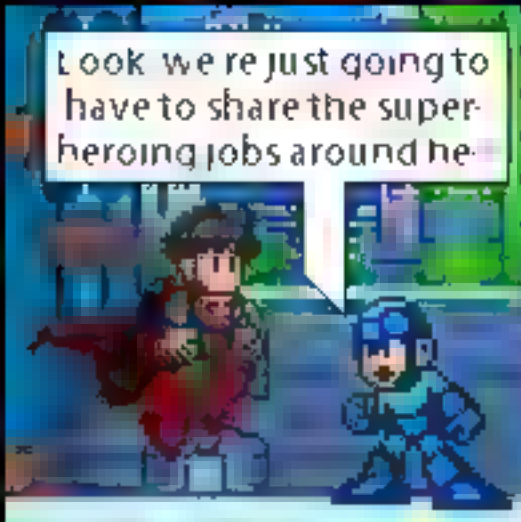
Help Help Oh help

Don't worry ma'am, I'll

Damn it Superman  
That one was mine



Look we're just going to  
have to share the super-  
heroing jobs around here.



There's a runaway  
train on the loose

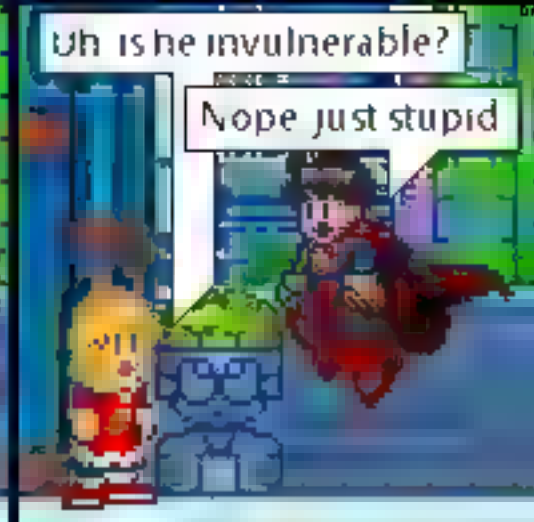


I got this one



Uh is he invulnerable?

Nope just stupid



I don't care what the next calamity is, it's mine understand?

Oh my god There's a giant asteroid heading straight for the Earth

Okay I'll let you have *this* one

Wow Superman just used his heat vision to cook the hotdogs!



Wow Superman just used his super breath to chill the sodas and freeze the ice cream!



Wow Superman just flew to China and back to bring us really cool and probably highly illegal fireworks.



Wow You basically suck compared to Superman, don't you Mega Man?

Oh shut up and go blow off a finger



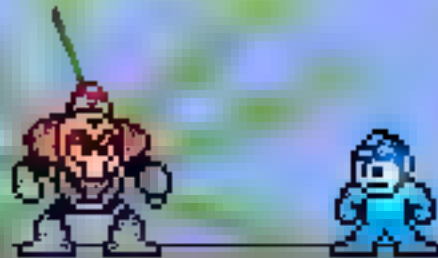
Stop right there

Oh yeah? Says who?

Says me I've been  
left behind to stop  
and, or stall you

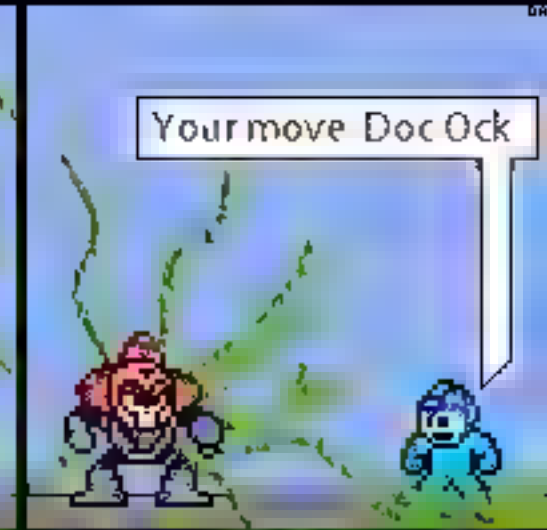
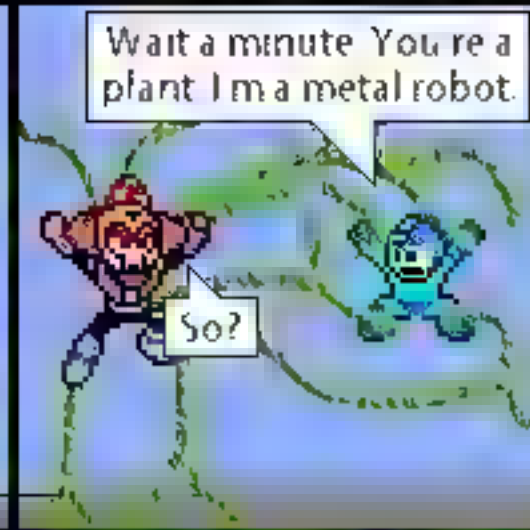


Yeah, right like some  
silly plant guy like you  
can possibly stop me



Feed me Seymour







All right I know shield  
technology is funda-  
mentally stupid but...



Are those actually  
flower petals?

Yes. And with them  
I shall smite you



Okay last time

Me metal robot

You plant



Now I've got you

Ah Let me go

What are you doing?!

She loves me...

*rrrip!*

AAAAAHHHH!!

She loves me not...

*rrrip!*

AAAAAHHHH!!!

She loves me...

*rrrip!*

AAAAAHHHH!!!

She *does* love me

Momma had a baby  
and its head popped...

OH GOD! N

*pop!*

...off



Hold, Mega Man

Another Robot Master trying to slow me down? Tell me did you see what I did to the last one?



Yes, but it will not deter me

Oh, of course not because you're an honorable Indian and nothing can-



AAAAAAHHH!!!

thunk!



You... you scalped me

Not at all Since scalping involves the removal of your scalp, you clearly have not been scalped

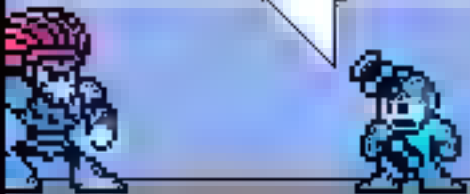
Further the insinuation that I scalped you just because I am an American Indian is insulting

Okay okay you're right There were other cultures that

Will you stop that while we're talking?!

thunk!

Fine You wanna keep  
throwing your stupid  
tomahawks? Go ahead

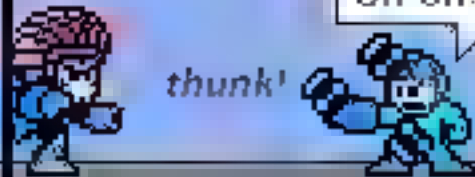


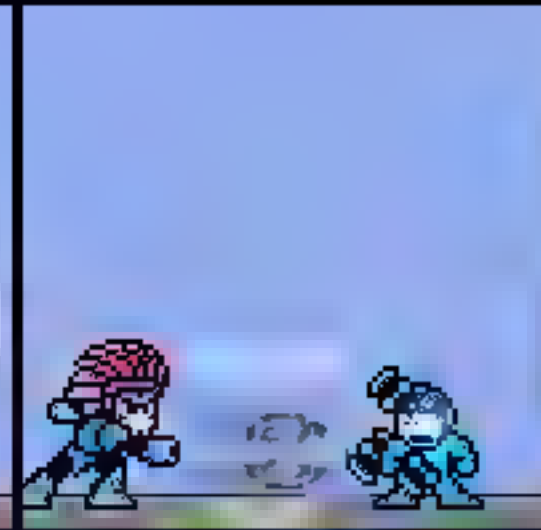
Hah How do you like



Uh oh...

*thunk!*





How did I end up with  
this weapon and none  
of the others from all  
those Robot Masters  
I killed? This isn't fair



Is... Is that Plant Shield?

Yeah, so what?

Oh gods no I'm horribly  
allergic to Plant Shield  
I'll die if it touches me



This is so [REDACTED] ame

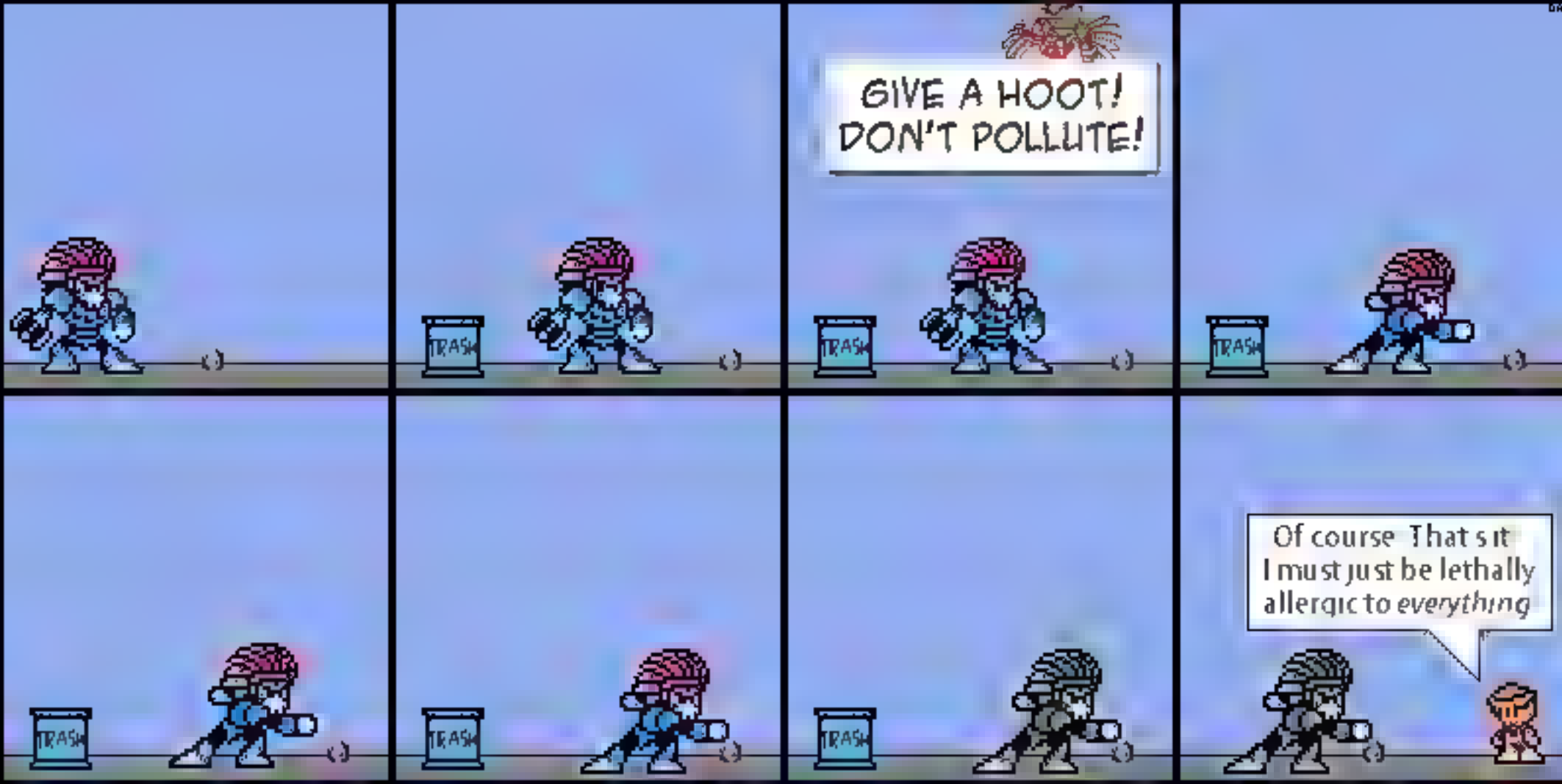


You know what? No  
I'm not gonna do this.  
I will not let these frig-  
gin' leaves be respon-  
sible for your death



I'm leaving





GIVE A HOOT!  
DON'T POLLUTE!

Of course That s it  
I must just be lethally  
allergic to everything

Stupid tomahawks.



Well, at least they didn't  
penetrate deep enough  
to do any serious da



AAAAAAHHH  
You got me right  
in the axe wound





You jerk That hurt

Sorry about that Do you think I could have that spearhead back?

What? You only toss the spearhead at people?

Yes, it prevents me from becoming disarmed after I attack.

Additionally I can use the spear's shaft to vastly increase the spearhead's momentum, allowing it to do more damage than a spear could alone

Yeah, but don't you have to go pick up the spearhead after each attack?

Admittedly there is one flaw to the attack

You know you seem  
awfully polite for some-  
one trying to kill me

I am a samurai  
It is the Bushido

Huh?

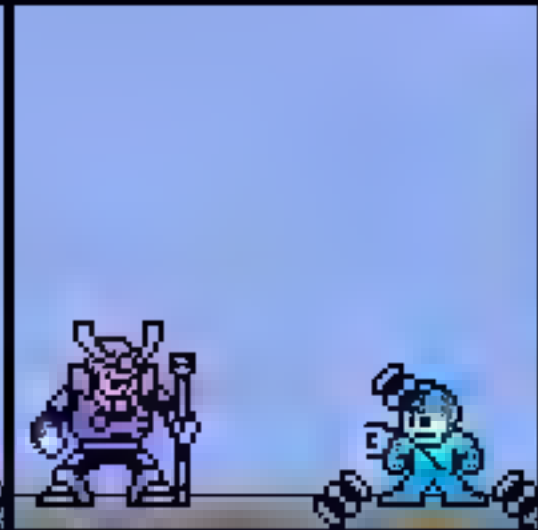
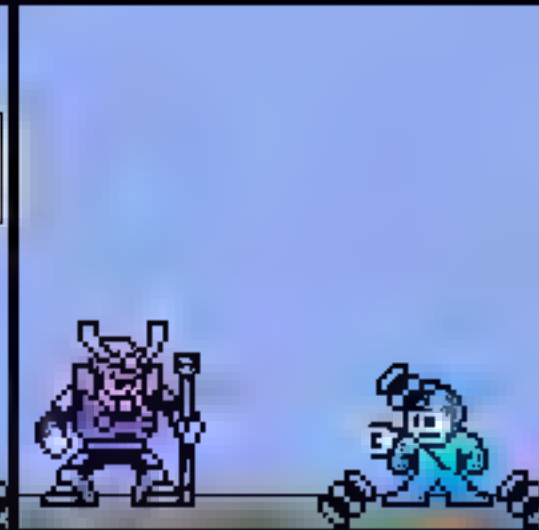
It is a code of honor  
somewhat analogous  
to medieval knights.

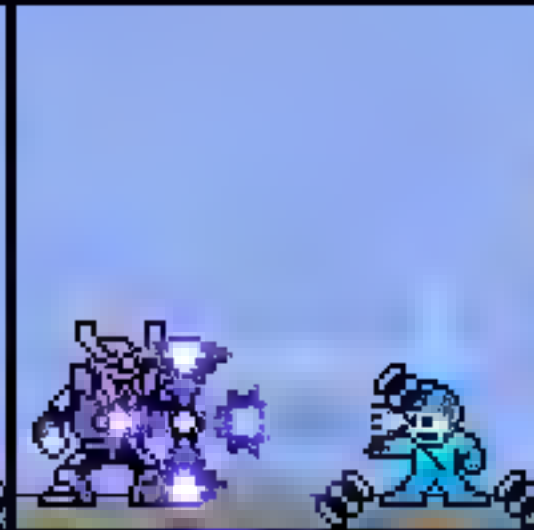
Honor huh? You know  
it doesn't seem very hon-  
orable to attack me when  
my back was turned

You make a good point

Does this mean  
you have to kill  
yourself now?

Unfortunately yes.





Say do you think  
I could have that  
spearhead ba ?


NO

But I need th-

I know That s why you re  
not getting it back In fact,  
I'm going to throw it away  
so you ll never get it back


Hah Whatcha  
gonna do now?

Oh dear Do you have any  
idea how long it takes to  
beat a robot to death with  
a blunt wooden staff?



Are you ready to die Mega Man?

You first



Any other bright ideas?

Does crying like a little girl count?





Hold. Mega Man  
I have been sent to...

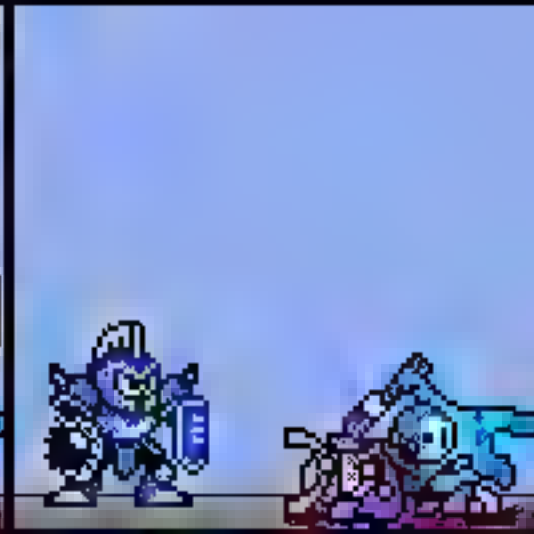


Uh... is this a bad time?  
Should I come back later?



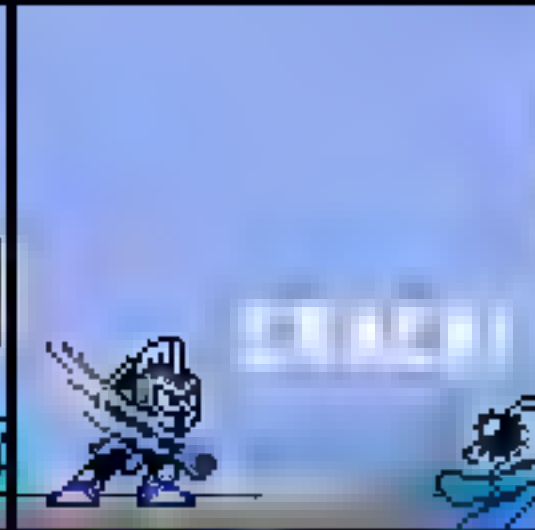
For the love of  
god. help me











Okay now I'm serious.  
Don't do that again



You my bitch now





Now you die



Oh, did I mention that my shield blocks all attacks?



You suck.



You fool There is only one weapon that can by pass my shield, and you recklessly threw it away



You mean this?



Where were you keeping that?

I fell down on it



So, now what?

I suppose I'll just throw this at you and kill you

Don't you think that's a bit unlikely?



I mean how many times were you hit with it, and you didn't just up and die

Good point, but it's not my weakness.



Still I don't think that a single spearhead could possibly do me in, and you've only got the one

Okay new plan...



Later

Well, whadda ya know? Turns out stabbing you thirty-seven times in the face with it will kill you





Well, now that I've  
gotten myself cleaned  
all up, who's next?

I am.

Horsey

I'm not a "horsey" you pathetic ignoramus. I am, in fact a centaur a proud and majestic mythological creature



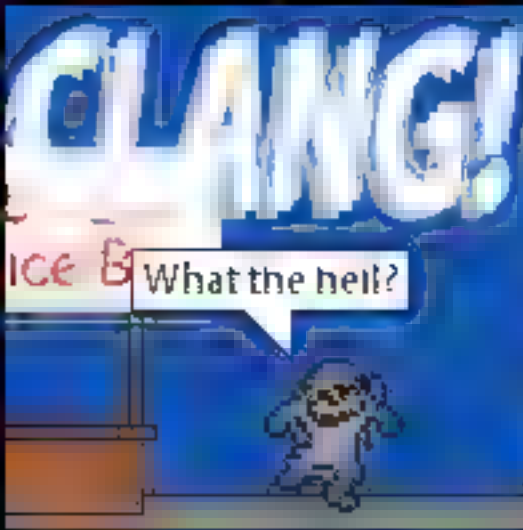
I am called Centaur Man though I prefer to think of myself as Sagittarius, and if you dare to call me "Horsey Man", I vow to trample you to death



Moments later...

Totally worth it





Move over you re  
going to get us killed

And now Mega  
Man, you die

I don't think so Mr Ed

What? How is this possible? Where did this strength come from?



Clearly this is the part of the story where the hero after having been badly beaten initially...




...is able to screw up his courage and willpower turning the tables on the mighty-victorious villain



But aren't you the villain this time?

Pssh Technicaities.



A four-panel comic strip featuring Mega Man and Centaur Man in a room with blue walls and a window showing a green plant. In each panel, Mega Man is on the left and Centaur Man is on the right. Centaur Man is speaking in the first three panels, and Mega Man is speaking in the fourth. The background includes a white desk with a computer monitor and keyboard.

Quick Mega Man, find  
the Nintendo Power  
with Megaman b in it

But

Just do it We've got to  
find out what Centaur  
Man's weakness is!

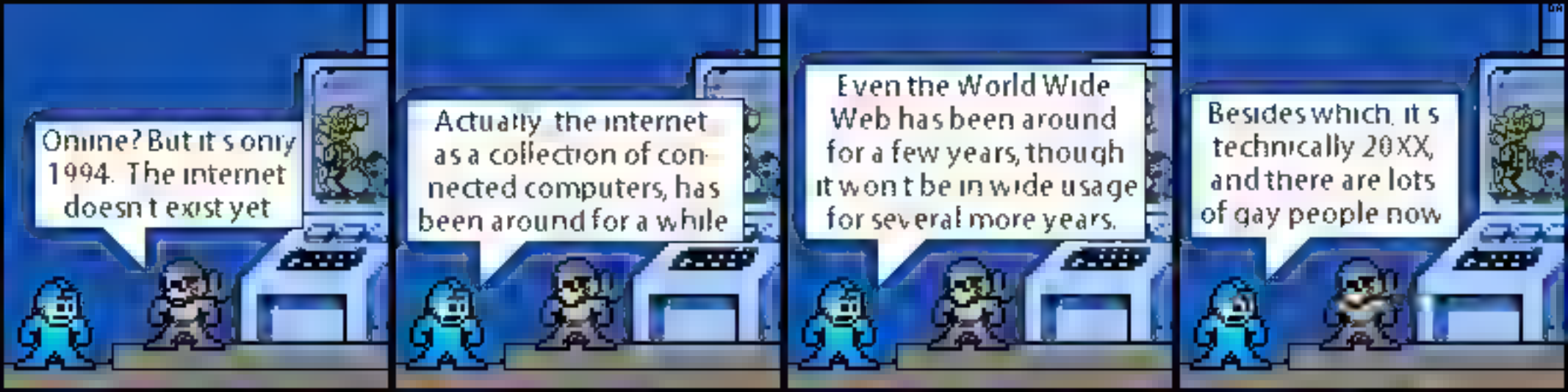
But

Look if we don't  
find that weakness,  
we're going to die

But

But what?!

But Nintendo Power  
sucks and I already  
looked it up online



Online? But it's only 1994. The internet doesn't exist yet

Actually the internet as a collection of connected computers, has been around for a while

Even the World Wide Web has been around for a few years, though it won't be in wide usage for several more years.

Besides which, it's technically 20XX, and there are lots of gay people now

What does that 20XX  
even mean anyway?

I've always assumed  
it meant that it was  
at least after 2010

Didn't the first two  
games just have 200X?

Right, but it changed to  
20XX with Megaman 3

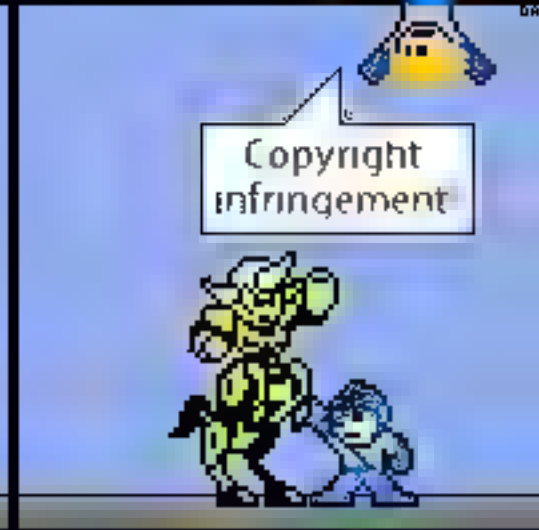
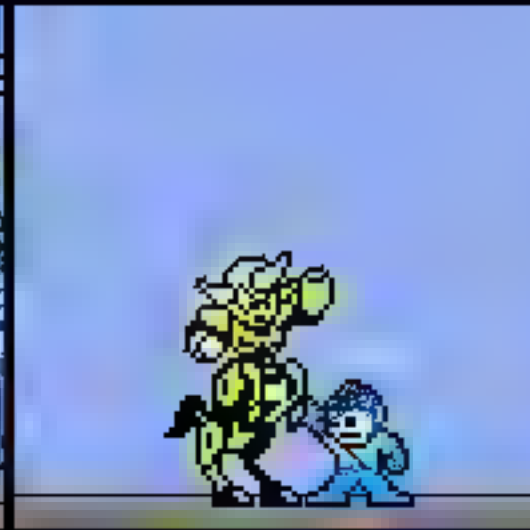
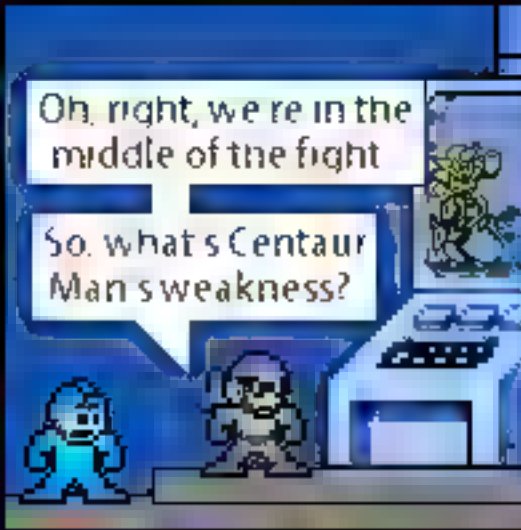
So was that 2010?

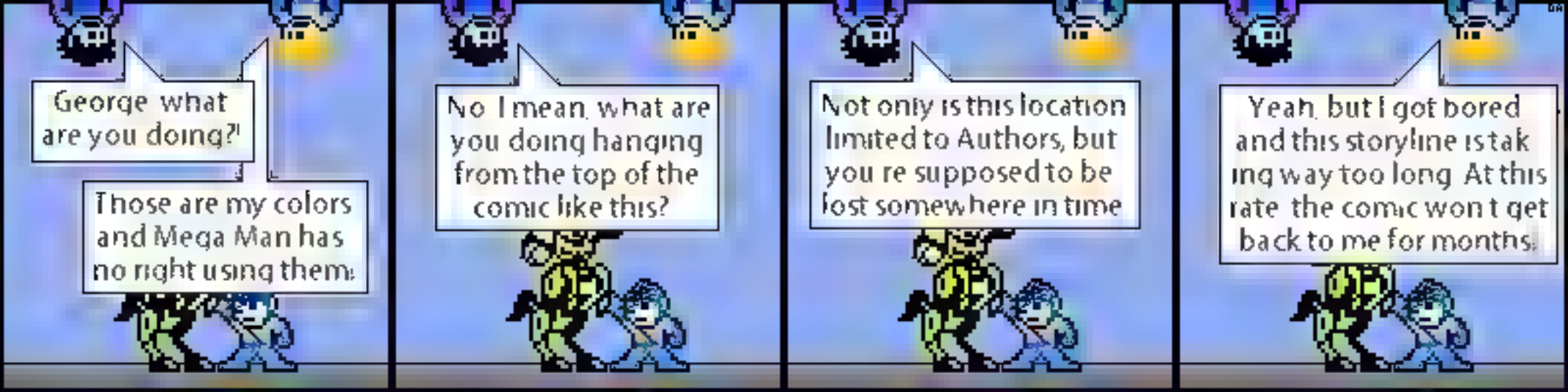
Well, would that make  
it technically 2014 now?

Only if one assumes...

Uh... hello?








George what are you doing?!

Those are my colors and Mega Man has no right using them!

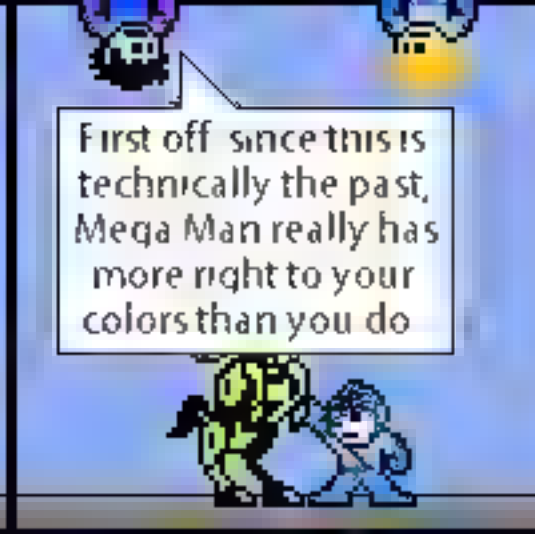
No I mean, what are you doing hanging from the top of the comic like this?

Not only is this location limited to Authors, but you're supposed to be lost somewhere in time


Yeah, but I got bored and this storyline is taking way too long. At this rate the comic won't get back to me for months.




That may well be but that still doesn't give you a right to claim copyright infringement



First off since this is technically the past, Mega Man really has more right to your colors than you do




Second, this is a Mega man-based sprite comic. The last thing we have any right to do is declare copyright infringement



Oh... right

Thank you for not suing us, Capcom!



All right, let's get out of here George and leave these two to their fight

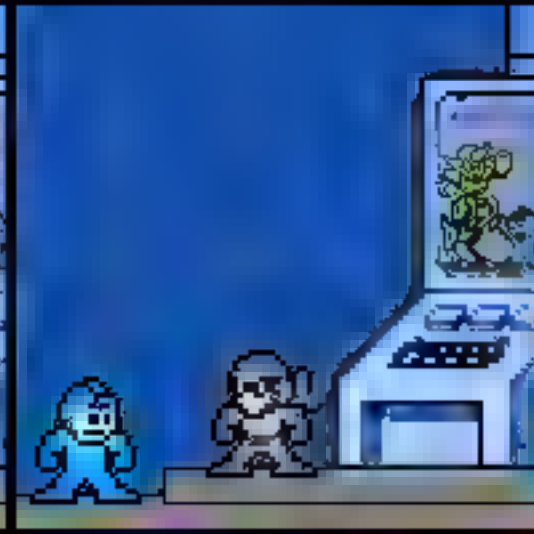
I apologize for the interruption Please carry on gentlemen

Oh by the way Tomahawk Man disabled Mega Man's blaster remember?

Toink

Hee hee...

Uh oh...

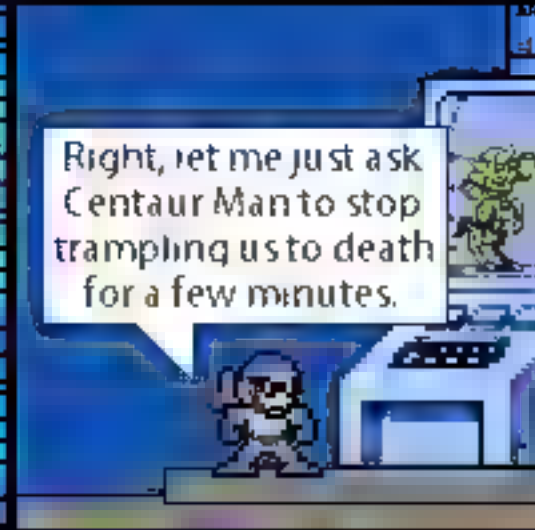




Any time now



I'm trying. But, you know,  
it would probably help  
if we stopped us getting  
knocked around so much



Right, let me just ask  
Centaur Man to stop  
trampling us to death  
for a few minutes.



Woo Looks like we  
got him, Mega Man



Uh.. Mega Man?  
You weren't in the  
arm, were you?



Aw crap





Okay don't freak out  
I'm sure destroying  
Mega Man's program-  
ming won't affect the  
timeline in any way



And I could just pretend  
to be the programming,  
right? I mean who would  
ever know the difference?



Hi, I'm here to try and  
stop you again Me.

THAT'S RIGHT  
I'M MEGA MAN



Damn it



Are you okay,  
Mega Man?

YES I AM FINE NO  
NEED TO QUESTION  
MY IDENTITY



I AM CERTAINLY NOT  
AN EVIL PROGRAM  
JUST PRETENDING  
TO BE MEGA MAN



You re an evil pro-  
gram pretending  
to be Mega Man?



Damn it



Let me get this straight. You're really an evil program designed to turn Mega Man evil, and in your attempt to kill Centaur Man, you've essentially killed Mega Man?

Yeah pretty much



Good. I never liked the jerk. I'm glad he's dead.

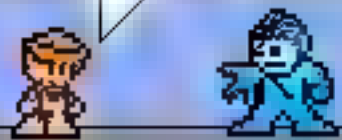
What?



It's what he gets for tossing me into Needle Man.



Look, just take it easy,  
okay? You're trying too  
hard to be Mega Man



Just be yourself, maybe  
a bit dumber and no  
one will ever notice  
the difference okay?



No one except you right?

Well, yeah but...



thud



Aha! We're finally at my fortress. It feels like we've been running for weeks!

Now what?

Now? Now we sit and wait for Mega Man to show up

What? Why? Wouldn't it make more sense to arm ourselves to the teeth and descend on Mega Man as a team, blasters a blazin'?

Um.... no?

Look I've been doing  
this sort of thing a lot  
longer than you have  
There is only one way  
to defeat Mega Man

We will wait here until  
he arrives and falls into  
my trap which is when  
I will unleash my ultimate  
weapon and that's final

Now is everyone here?  
Did everyone make it?

You mean aside from  
those you sacrificed to  
slow Mega Man down?

Obviously



Wait where's  
Dragoon Man?

Still? My god he must've  
achieved orbit by now

I think he's still jumping

Well technically any jump  
could be considered orbit

What?

The projectile motion of  
an object as it falls to the  
Earth is influenced by  
gravity just like orbit is.

Orbit is simply what  
occurs when an object's  
trajectory matches the  
curvature of the Earth

In fact, you could say orbit  
is really nothing more than  
falling and continuously  
missing the ground

Anyone else want  
to be a smart ass?



Enough of this. You said  
you had a weapon that  
could stop Mega Man  
What is it? Where is it?

Heh heh you shall  
find out as soon as  
Mega Man arrives...

...  
It's Gamma again isn't it?

Um... no?



Wait a minute How could  
my weapon possibly be  
Gamma? Gamma was a  
robot created by the great  
Dr Wily whom I am not

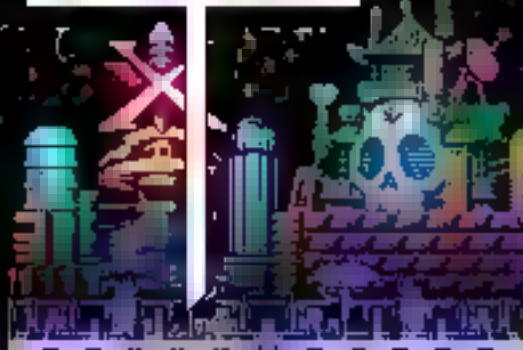


You're kidding right? Do  
you think we're all idiots?

I'm not Dr. Wily



Oh come on You  
built your fortress  
right next to his.



The land was very  
cheap and he is an  
excellent neighbor



You look just like him,  
except with a fake beard

I'm not Dr. Wily

Your hover chair has a  
bumper sticker that says  
"My other car is a weapon  
of mass destruction"

I'm not Dr. Wily

I have a sticker that  
says "Made by Dr. Wily"  
and you made me

I never gave you  
a sticker like that

Damnit I'm  
not Dr. Wily

Ah-ha

I've seen pictures of Mr X, and he's thirty years younger than you

I'm not Dr Wily

That's the same chair you've been sitting in for the last two game parodies.

I'm not Dr Wily

Yes you are

No I'm not

Yes you are

No I'm not


Dr Wily says what

What?

Ah-ha

Damnit





Fine I admit it  
I'm Dr Wily Are  
you happy now?

Actually no I find the  
obvious revelation  
somewhat unsatisfying  
after all the work I put  
into calling you out

Wait I'm still confused  
about something If Mr  
X is actually Dr Wily...

Am I still the bad guy?

Oh crikey It's Mega  
Man Quick scatter

What? But

Run, you fool Run

But we can

RUN RUN AWAY



Oof! Oof! This giant metal  
body sure is hard to run in

Hold it right there  
It's your turn to die

Oof Oof

**CRASH!**

Damn it I said hold it  
Why didn't you stop?

You were already going  
to kill me so what could  
I lose by not stopping?

Hmm... that's a goo-

Oof Oof

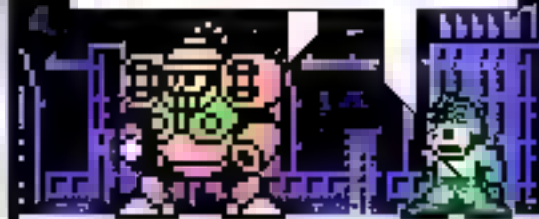
CRASH





What was that? Did you  
just use Centaur Flash?

Is that what that was?  
Centaur Man's weapon?



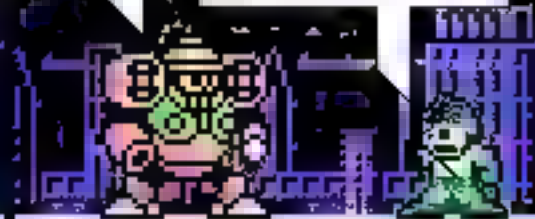
Most likely

That's odd I don't  
remember Centaur  
Man using it on me



Let me guess. She  
just tried trampling  
you to death, right?

Yeah, how did  
you wait, she?





Centaur Man was  
a woman robot?

Well as close as a  
Wily bot can be

I mean, we don't really  
have gender but I think  
Centaur Man preferred  
to think of himself as...  
er herself as a woman

Okay... this is  
definitely starting  
to weird me out

You think this is weird?

Imagine being a  
woman trapped in  
a robotic half man,  
half horse's body

By the way I feel somewhat obligated to tell you that the Centaur Flash has worn off

Oh I know

Centaur Flash appears to work differently from other Robot Master's time-freezing attacks. Rather than simply freezing you in place while still allowing you to be aware of what's going on, I believe it also freezes your perception of the world around you

In other words, from your perspective all you saw was a flash and then it was over

Just like Vanilla Ice's career

Aren't enemies usually  
damaged by Centaur  
Man's weapon?

I think so but not by  
the weapon itself

I believe that when the weapon is activated and every-  
thing is frozen, I'm supposed to use the opportunity  
to run around and hit all the enemies on the screen,  
then return to my starting point before they unfreeze

Funny... I don't recall  
taking any damage  
when you used it

I tried to kick you but  
I think I broke my foot

Well, it's been nice talking, but I think it's time to kill you

I wondered when you'd finally get around to it

This next gust will blow you to hell - say what's that clanking noise?


That?

While you were frozen, I broke off fragments of my arm and jammed them into your intake valves.

Oh

That's a bad thing, right?

Oh, this is just great. Now everyone's gonna call me "Shrapnel Face"



Hold Mega Man You  
have killed my friend  
Wind Man and for that  
I demand vengeance

Ooh Vengeance  
And how do you  
propose to do that?

Why the same way  
everyone in my home-  
land of Saudi Arabia  
solves their problems.

By throwing money  
and oil at them.

\$


CRUDE  
OIL

Oh, like I'm so scared  
What're you gonna do  
use your immense wealth  
and ample international  
influence to get a bigger  
country to declare w-

Oh You were  
being literal







A four-panel comic strip. In the first panel, a character with glasses and a red shirt stands in front of a city skyline at night. In the second panel, a large fire is burning in the city. In the third panel, the fire is even larger and more intense. In the fourth panel, the character is looking at the fire with a concerned expression. The background is a dark city skyline with lit-up buildings.

Okay I get the oil,  
but what's with the

What is with  
the dollar bills?

I just like watch-  
ing money burn

No I'm telling you  
what you need to do  
is fake a fuel shortage  
Get the oil fields in  
Alberta to stop ship-  
ping its oil to the US

I dunno...

Trust me Soon enough,  
those SUV driving, flag  
saluting morons will be  
paying \$4 per gallon and  
Canada will be rich

But you're talking about  
millions of barrels, where  
could we possibly store  
that much oil... oh, looks  
like he went out again

This time let's douse  
him in kerosene and  
see how long he burns.



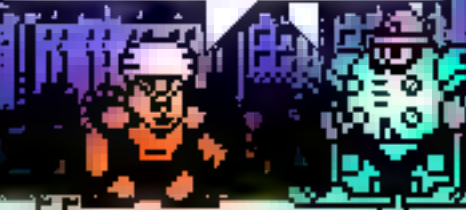
There he should burn for  
another few hours or so  
Anyway you were saying?

Oh, I was talking about  
the unsold barrels of oil



We're talking about  
millions of barrels.  
Where could you  
possibly store it all?

You could do what I do



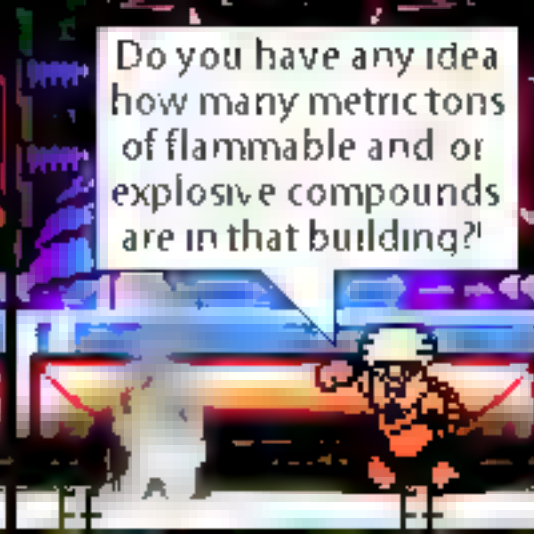
Find an old, eccentric  
billionaire with lots of  
extra room in his fortress.  
Hell I must have over...



Excuse me but did  
our burning victim  
just run into said  
oil-filled fortress?

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Wait a minute Do sixth-degree burns even exist?

They do on the X Files.

I believe it's the term used when the bone itself is scorched

Does it hurt?

foosh!

thunk!

Did your remaining limbs just turn to ash?

it's just a flesh wound

Um... do you need a doctor or something?

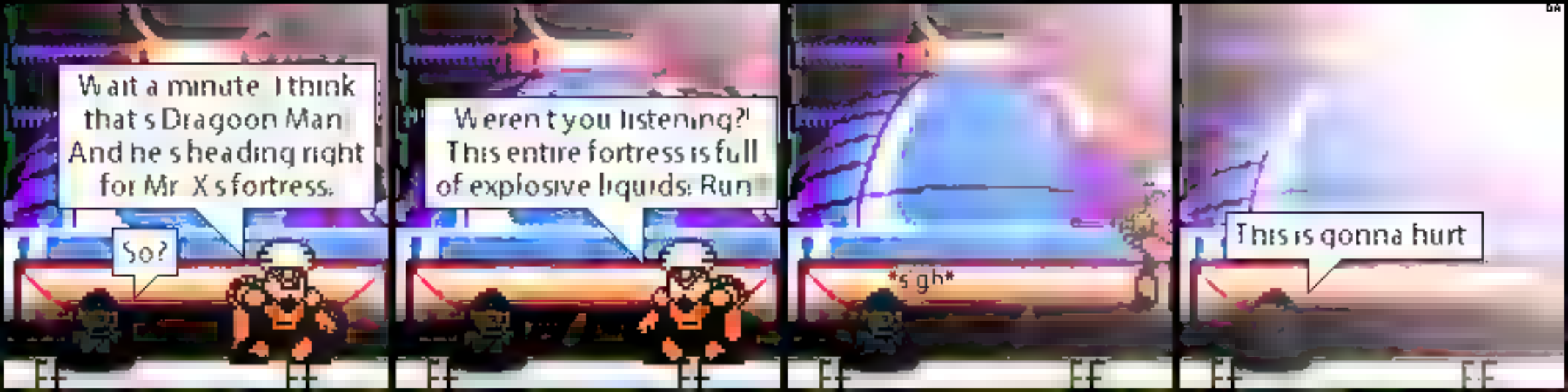
Why are you trying to help me? I'm trying to kill you

Sure but you're hardly in a position to do any more than bite me so

What's that? In the sky

Is it a bird? It is a plane?

Oh god, I hope it's not Superman. He's a dick



Wait a minute I think  
that's Dragoon Man  
And he's heading right  
for Mr. X's fortress.

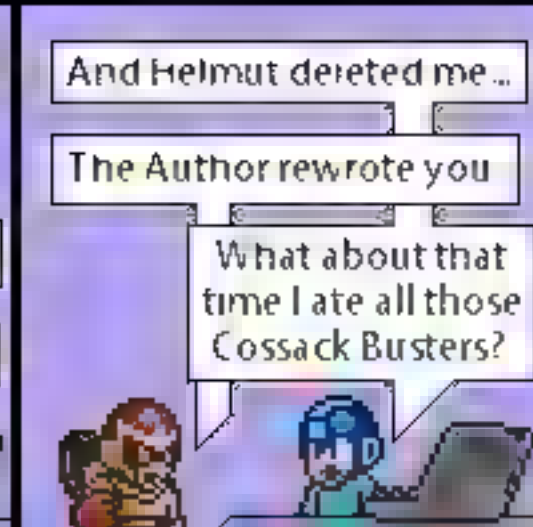
So?

Weren't you listening?  
This entire fortress is full  
of explosive liquids! Run

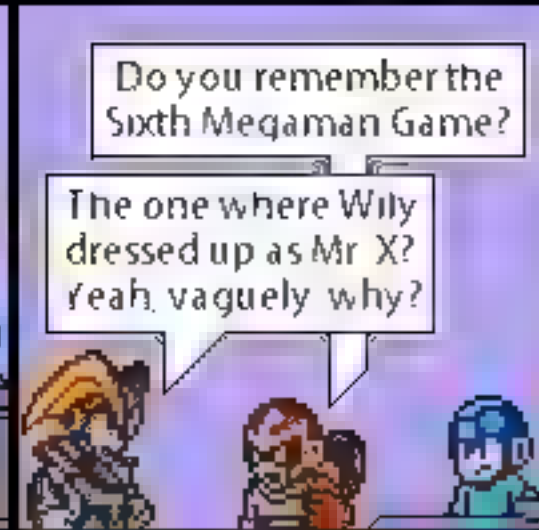
\*sigh\*

This is gonna hurt











I don't know who that is, but yeah, that happened  
And while I don't know exactly what happened to  
Mega Man, I do know that both Flame Man and  
Dragoon Man were vaporized in the explosion



What about Blizzard Man?

Oddly enough he  
survived unscathed

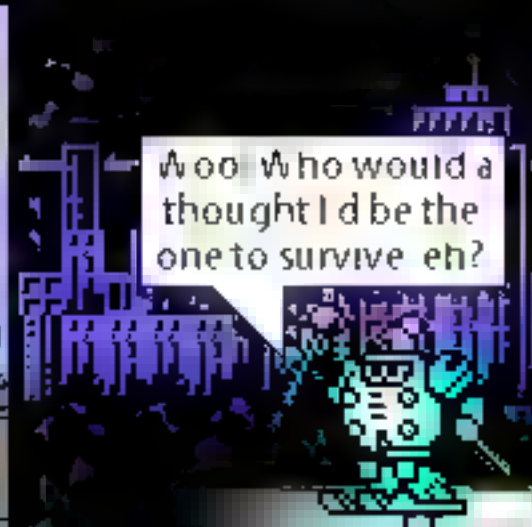
Really?



Yeah and no one was  
more surprised than him.

I think I just shit  
my snow pants.





Dr. Wily: What  
are you doing?!

Isn't it obvious? I've  
reactivated Gamma  
to stop Mega Man.

You're too late.  
I think Mega Man's  
already dead.

Damn. I knew I shouldn't  
have wasted all that time  
reinstalling Windows.

I mean, first I reformatted,  
but then I started having  
all sorts of memory prob-  
lems, but then the BIOS

the BIOS started acting  
up and I had to physically  
reinstall all the memory  
and hardware and then  
things started working...

But in the end all the hard  
work was all worth it, since  
now I can fully protect the  
tournament contestants.

Actually, you just  
killed the last one

Damnit

Heh I guess it just goes  
to show you Even after  
everything that happened  
it all turned out okay



What? No it didn't  
Everybody died,  
maybe even you




And then Dr. Wily's  
robot went berserk

Wait what?




Oh god The AI  
field is collapsing







Dr. Why What  
are you doing?!



Wait... what're you  
NO NO Don't Stop



Gamma's gone berserk  
Quick. Do something



Goddamn it

This stupid robot just  
destroyed my fortress!  
Stop him already



I can't. My shots aren't  
having any effect!

Then find some-  
thing that will



Excuse me. May I be  
of some assistance?



Oh great, just what  
this comic needs, a  
[redacted] Ran recolor





Look, do you want  
my help or not?

Actua ly I think I know  
a way we can use you...

Hey What re you  
doing? Let me go



Aw geez Now I want  
another Ran to throw



Ohhh... my head...  
what happened?

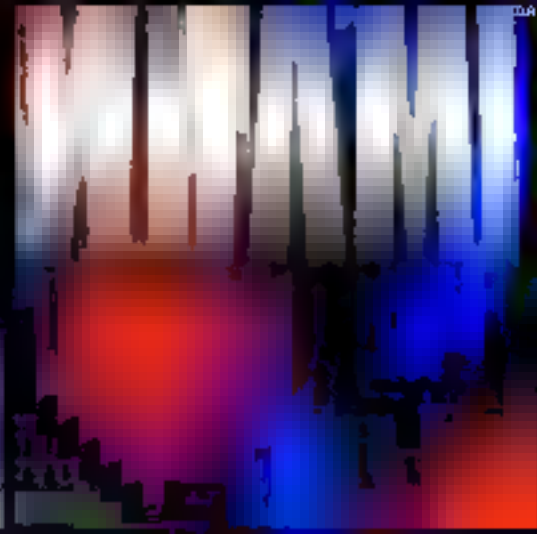
*crack!*

Oh wait I remember  
now... Dragoon Man...  
big explosion... how  
the hell did I survive?

*crack!*

Well I guess, on  
the bright side at  
least I'm still ali-

**CREAK!**



Damn stupid Gamma  
Why did he have to go  
berserk now right at the  
pinnacle of my success?



But at least that blasted  
Mega Man is dead, so  
now I can finally take  
over the world without  
him getting in the way



Dr Why the wisest  
course of action would  
be to actually finish me  
off before announcing  
your evil schemes aloud



Oh super We re  
back to doing this  
joke again are we?



Well, Mega Man.  
I must say you've  
seen better days.

Hmm... yes, funny that  
It's interesting how our  
roles have reversed.  
don't you think?

Yeah well, I guess that's  
what I get for being evil

What do you mean?

Here we are at the end  
of yet another game  
but this time you are  
the villain and I appear  
to have defeated you

Isn't it ironic?

That's not irony  
It's incongruity

So what're you gonna do now Dr Wily? Turn me over to the authorities?

That's certainly one option


And while the media circus surrounding the corruption of the city's hero would certainly be worth trying...

I'm afraid it's just against my nature to give up the perfect opportunity to destroy my retched arch-nemesis once and for all

If I still had a lower body, I'm pretty sure I would be pissing myself about now




TEAMS		6th Mega
PLAYER		1
1	Ball Man	X
2	Dr. Wily	
3	Mega Man	
4	Gamma	

A pixel art illustration of Mega Man and Roll in a city at night. Mega Man is on the left, looking surprised, and Roll is on the right, looking concerned. They are standing on a rooftop with a city skyline in the background.

Mega Man, are you okay?  
I brought the authorities.  
What happened here?

What do you mean?  
Don't you know?

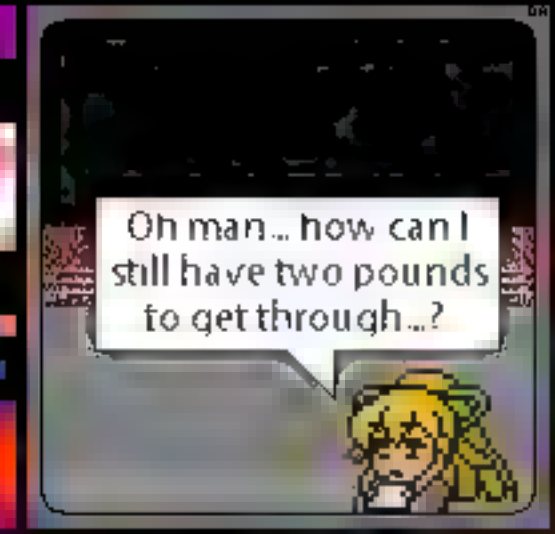
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We heard something  
terrible happened at  
the tournament but  
all the contestants are  
either dead or missing


A pixel art illustration of Mega Man and Roll in a city at night. Mega Man is on the left, looking surprised, and Roll is on the right, looking concerned. They are standing on a rooftop with a city skyline in the background.

What about Roll?

Er...


A pixel art illustration of Roll in a city at night. She is standing on a rooftop, looking down with a sad expression. The city skyline is visible in the background.

Oh man... how can I  
still have two pounds  
to get through...?




So what happened?  
What's going on?

Oh... um... oh, I know



Dr. Wily did it again  
He was pretending  
to be Mr. X all along



The tournament was  
merely a ruse to gain  
control of the world's  
most powerful robots  
and take over the world



How was that?

Perfect



So Dr. Wily was convicted  
of Mega Man's crimes?

No wonder he was  
so surly on the DVDs.

Why didn't he  
say something?

Oh, he tried to proclaim  
his innocence but no  
one would believe him.

How ironic is it that the  
one time he wasn't the  
villain was the one time  
he was actually caught?

Well, to be fair it turns  
out world domination  
was the point behind  
the whole tournament  
idea in the first place



Then he tried to blame  
the whole thing on some  
guy from the future...



What year is it?!



George?

What?



The year What year is it?!

Uh... it's 20XX.

That doesn't help



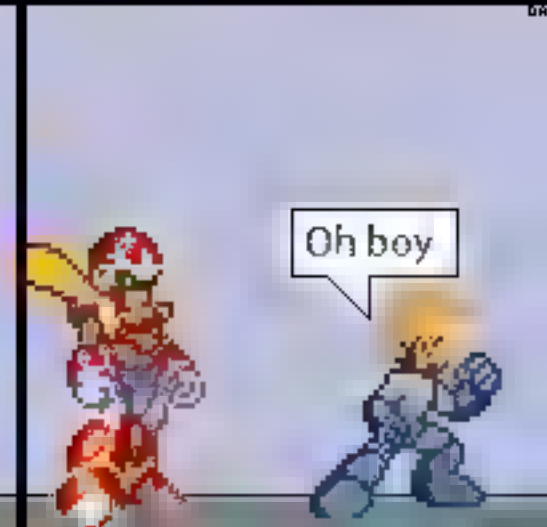



Listen to me I... I was in  
the past before I came to  
the Megaman Universe...

And then I was in the  
future and all of you...

Damnit It's getting  
harder to remember...  
It's all slipping away

Yeah, that's not the only  
thing slipping away





Yeah, sorry Prots,  
I drifted off there for  
a second. What's up?

Did you forget?  
X and Zero invited  
us over for dinner

Aw man... Again?  
Those guys really  
weird me out

Look, just don't go  
into their bedroom  
this time. They keep  
it locked for a reason



It's not that... it's just... they remind me of the past



Oh what, and I don't?

You at least look different. Neither of them have changed



Yeah, you're one to talk.  
Mr. Immortal Demigod.  
What are you now, 137?



Yeah, but they still won't give me senior discounts.

Wait a minute... did X and Zero invite Alia again?

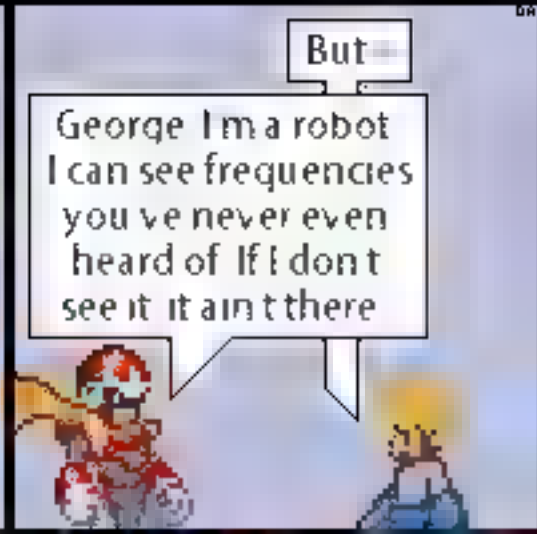
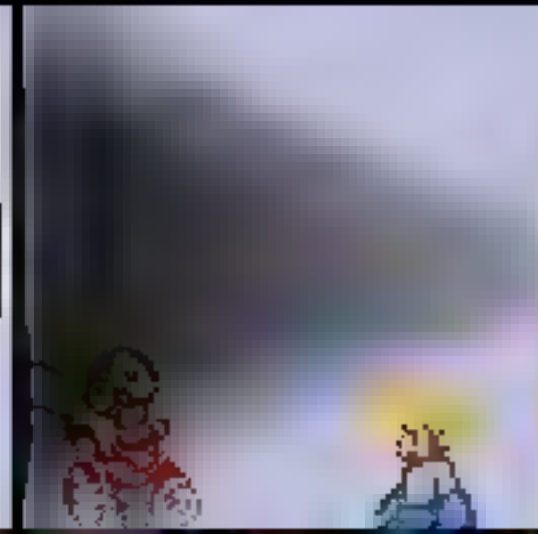
Uh...

They did, didn't they?  
Why are they always trying to hook us up?

Come on, don't be that way...

She's a perfectly nice Reploid, and you aren't exactly beating away the ladies with a stick

Yeah, but whenever she's around, she just won't shut up





...something you I saw...

...something...

Butz What are  
you doing?!

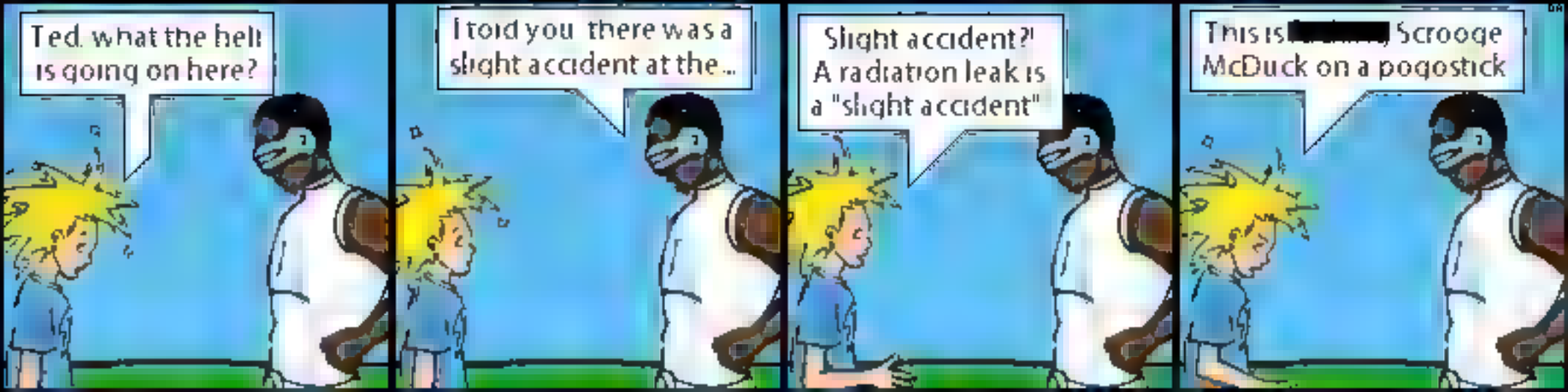
Oh boy...

Ted, what the hell  
is going on here?

I told you there was a  
slight accident at the...

Slight accident?!  
A radiation leak is  
a "slight accident"

This is ~~Scrooge~~ Scrooge  
McDuck on a pogostick



Tell me the truth Ted  
What's going on here?

Okay look here show it's.

Some of the techno-  
nerds at this research  
lab have been tinkering  
around with well  
dimensional portals...

And... uh...

They... they created a  
portal to DuckTales?

The video game

It turns out that video games apparently have their own dimensions.

That's just weird. How?

Well, with an infinite number of parallel universes, suppose anything's possible.

Hey, I wonder if there's one for Mega Man...

Is that the one with the robot kid in the blue underwear?

Oh crap What time is it?!

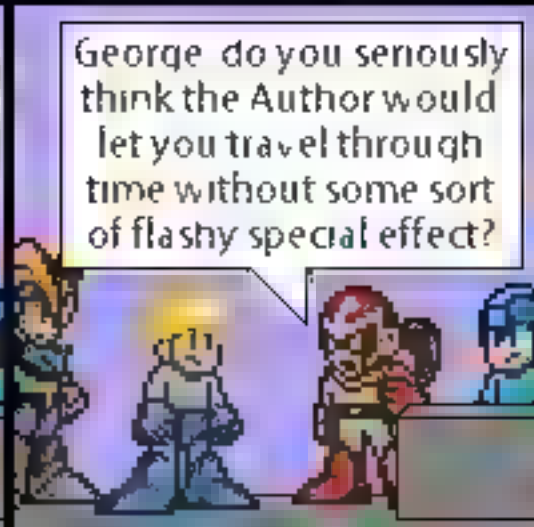
Quarter to six, why?

Double crap  
I'm late for...

...my date...

George?

Where did you  
go, psycho boy?





Well, George I'm not detecting any tachyons, chronitons, or other temporal particles that are indicative of you having time traveled recently



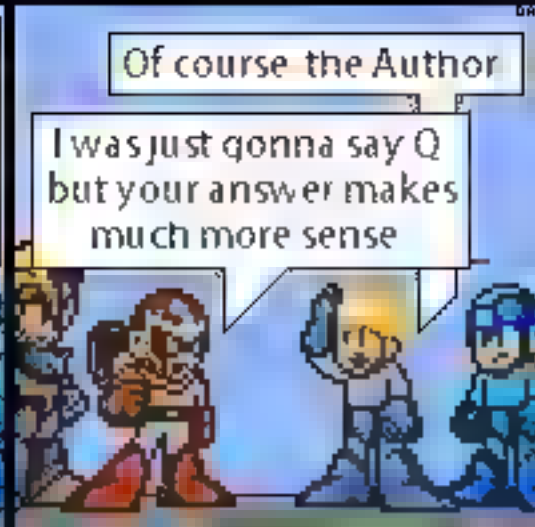
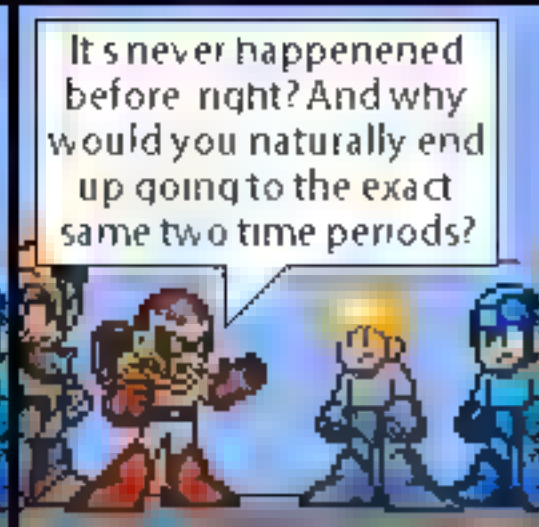
What about the air in my lungs? Can you tell if I've been breathing different air?



What do you think this is, Star Trek? Get the **██████** out of my lab







Then again the Author  
hasn't really interfered  
with the comic since that  
helmeted guy attacked

Oh, hey yeah Maybe it's  
that Helmeted Author guy

Oh no Not the  
Helmeted Author

Who's the  
Helmeted  
Author?

What about Bob? Or  
Mynd? Or Ninja Ned?  
Or Dr. Wily? Or Sigma?

How could any of them  
be doing this without  
leaving any evidence?

\*blip!\*

All I'm saying is that  
we can't disregard  
them just because.

Oh for the love of his  
noodly appendage  
don't you girls ever  
do anything but stand  
around and yammer?

I truly hate to disrupt your womanly gossip but my scanners are picking up something weird going on downtown and I want you three to check it out



Us three? Why should I go? I'm not one of your robots.

No but you are freeloading in my house so you'll do as I say or I'll kick your ass out



Any idea what's going on?

No not exactly but I am picking up a large amount of ninja activity



Wait you have a device that can scan for ninjas?

Yes, it's right next to the pirate scanner



Come on, George we d better go check this out

Yeah but why would...

...ninjas... want to...


Ninjas? What the hell are you talking about?

It happened again  
Now I m in the future

No you re in the present  
You ll be in the future if  
you just wait one second...

Nope missed it  
Still the present





The 16-bit days? But George those were a hundred years ago

Yes, but as you're so fond of pointing out, you're a robot so you *should* remember

While that's certainly true I don't recall anything like what you're talking about

Great, so you probably think I'm just going crazy

Going?

You don't remember  
ninjas after I returned  
from the First Annual  
Robot Tournament?

George you didn't return  
from that trip to the past  
We had to go get you

I didn't... oh wait...  
I *do* remember that...  
why do I remember  
it that way too?!

Oh god I remember  
everything Even the  
fourth Matrix movie

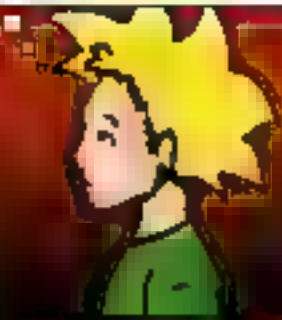


I think you're just trying to get out of going to dinner at X and Zero's.

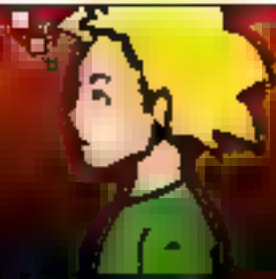
X and Zero: That's it. We could use the equipment at the Maverick Hunter's base. Dr. Light's scanners didn't find any evidence of time travel, but I bet the more advanced technology of the future will

You know, if you really don't wanna go to dinner, you could just say so.

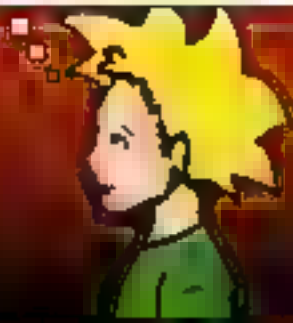
Holy crap, I'm in the past again, and I'm having dinner with the girl of my dreams.



But if memory serves, this is the dinner where I confessed my feelings for her and then she totally shot me down...



Aw man... she is so hot... what I wouldn't give to just throw her on the table and...



Damnit George Focus.



So anyways, George  
ve been thinking and...

What? Oh right, you're  
just not that into me

You just wanna be  
friends, right? Okay  
well, listen - gotta go  
I've got things to do

He... he doesn't care?  
He's so dismissive...  
and commanding...

Oh god... want  
am so bad now...

Okay seriously what the hell is going on? Am I really in the past, or is this just some sort of weird dream?



And if I am traveling through time why? And why to only these three time periods?



Am I supposed to change something that happened in the past? If not did I already do so by screwing up my date with Maris?



God. I fucking hate time travel



Proto Man in the future  
didn't seem to remember  
anything from the present,  
so that would suggest...



Wait why am I talking  
to you about this?



**MRAAAA?**



Okay if I'm being sent through time on purpose I must be in the past for a reason



There must be something in this time period that I'm supposed to do but what?



What was I originally doing the first time I lived through this?



Oh, right, I was pissing and moaning to my cat about my date with Maris.

**MRAAAAAAAAH?**



Think George What else happened that night?



While I was bitching I got a call from Ted... something about...



Oh my god Bob's going to attack that dimensional portal research facility



He does know that the walls in this apartment are paper thin, right?



Uh... guys, I gotta go...  
I forgot my... um... shirt...  
at the... uh... cleaners....



And... um... they close...  
and I... uh... really need  
that shirt... for work. Bye



**SLAM!**



Are we ever going to tell  
him that we already know  
about his secret identity?



Nah I think his lame-ass  
excuses are entertaining



Anyway be at  
the research facility  
in a few minutes.

Research facility? What  
are you talking about?

What what are you  
talking about?

I'm talking about  
the ninjas that are  
terrorizing the city

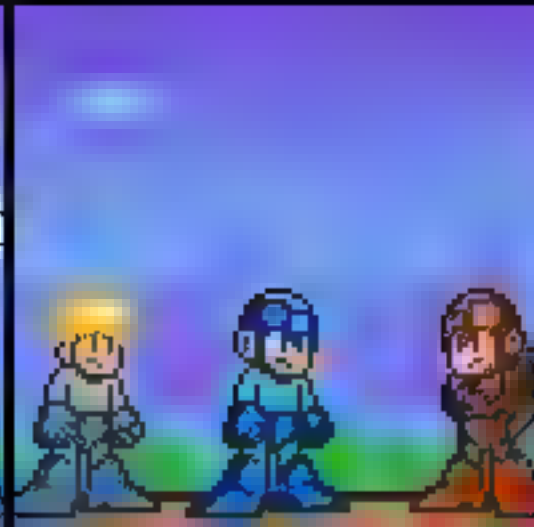
Ninjas?!

Yes, George ninjas.

Wow... that's a lot of...  
holy crap de a va...

Hey me too...





Mike? What are you

I'm not Mike My name is  
Edward the Destroyer

Wait... you're Ninja  
Ned? Mike's alternate  
from this dimension?

You may call me  
that if you insist

So those are your  
ninjas down there  
ransacking the city?

I'm afraid so

And why are  
they doing that?

I don't know They're  
out of control It's like  
some sort of Ninja ADD

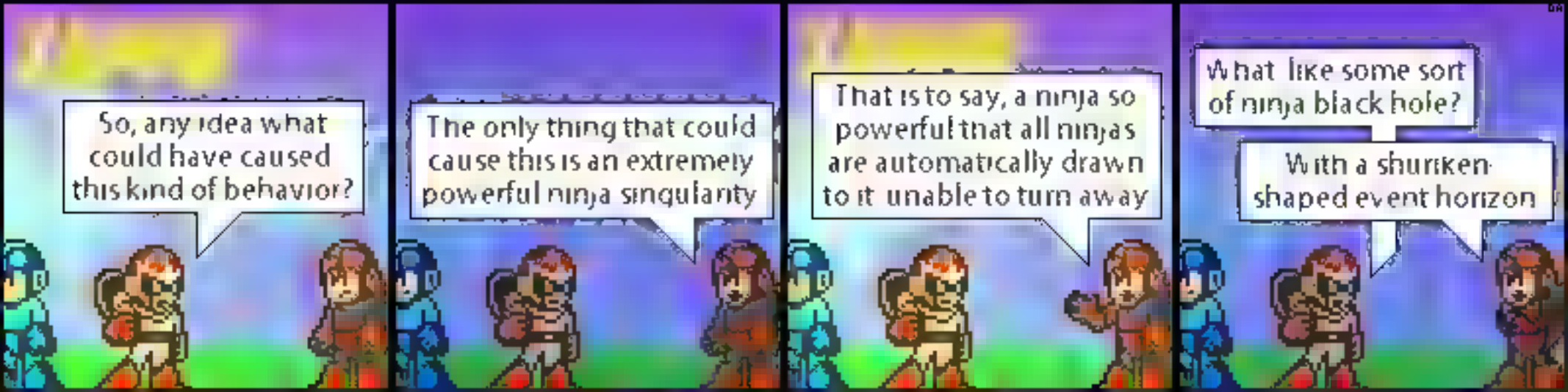
A few days ago for no particular reason, my countless ninja hordes suddenly went berserk and refused to respond to any of my commands.

I even tried randomly executing a few of them, as is my usual technique for regaining control, but it had no effect

Then, earlier today they simply left the secret underground ninja barracks and headed into the city

Want me to fry em?

Please do

A four-panel comic strip featuring two characters: a blue-skinned alien on the left and a human on the right. The panels are set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with orange and yellow light. The characters are standing on a green field. The dialogue is presented in white speech bubbles with black text.

So, any idea what could have caused this kind of behavior?

The only thing that could cause this is an extremely powerful ninja singularity

That is to say, a ninja so powerful that all ninjas are automatically drawn to it unable to turn away

What like some sort of ninja black hole?

With a shuriken-shaped event horizon

There all done Can we  
go back to the lab now?

Done? Hardly That was  
only but a small contingent  
of my countless hordes.



What?

My ninjas are scattered  
all over this metropolis.  
It will take hours to  
take care of them all



Damn it I don't want  
to walk all over town

Who said anything about  
walking? Meet my ride



He promised me pocky

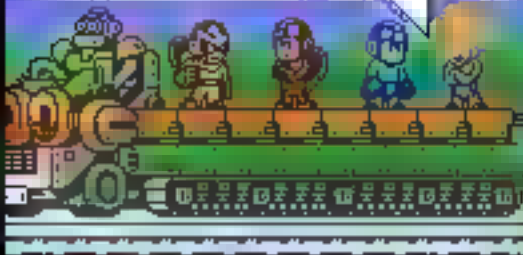
How did Auto ever  
get that up here?

I have no idea



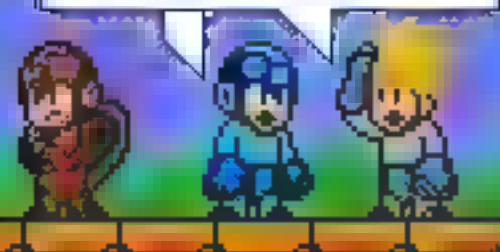


This sucks. Why are we focusing on these stupid ninjas when there's a much more important storyline going on?



Aren't these ninjas a part of your greater story arc?

Actually now that you mention it, there were ninjas in the past as well



You think there might be some sort of connection?

I dunno... Random ninja attacks are pretty common in my home dimension



Hell, you could hardly throw a rock without hitting a ninja... you know if they didn't dodge or something





So, any idea who  
this singular entity  
of yours could be?

Perhaps.

In all my travels, I have  
only found one being  
with the potential to  
be that powerful.

Lucky I was able to har-  
ness that power for my  
own... until you idiots cut  
off his arms and legs.

Got any fives?

Go f sh



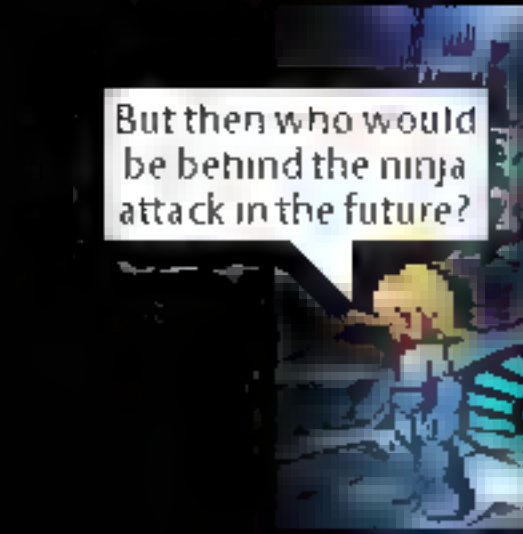
What did you just say about Mynd?

We were just speculating that he might somehow be behind this ninja situation

Wait... if Mynd is behind this ninja attack... could Bob be behind the ninja attack in the past?

Does that suggest that there's going to be a ninja attack in the future as well?

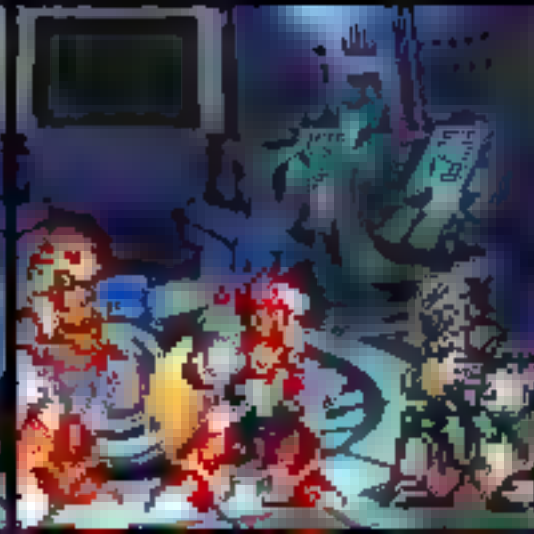

Well, don't ask me I quit reading ahead during those stupid X storylines.




But then who would  
be behind the ninja  
attack in the future?

What? Ninja attack?


Prometheus: Ninjas  
are going to attack




What? It's laundry day  
This is the only thing  
I had that was clean




George what are you talking about now?




Ninjas attacked in the past and the present so it's only a matter of time before they attack here



Okay George get a grip where would we possibly find ninjas?



The local ninja emporium?



in the past Bob was  
behind it... and in the  
present it's Mynd...

So who's the most  
dangerous villain  
of this time period?


I guess that would  
probably be Sigma

Yeah Let's go to...


Wait didn't he die?

Pssh Never stopped me







Okay, so let's go  
to Sigma's fortress  
and check it out.




George, one does  
not simply walk into  
Sigma's fortress.



Oh, I think I know  
just the person...



We'll need to find  
a way to sneak in.



What do you mean  
you won't let us in?

What do you mean you  
won't let us in? Why not?

Oh, I'm a bad guy and  
you're all good guys?

But I thought  
we were friends.

George was a spy sent  
by Sigma to infiltrate  
Maverick Hunter HQ.

But you owe me.

Owe you? How  
do you figure?

Do you have any idea  
how hard it is to find  
Neoportan in a post-  
apocalyptic world?



Damn it George I just  
knew you were gonna  
bring that up one day

Hey you knew what you  
were getting into when  
you signed that contract

Yeah, but I still don't  
understand why I had to  
sign it in my own blood

And now you do  
I take my ice cream  
very seriously

Okay guys, I got it all set up with Double We. We sneak in tonight under the cover of darkness.

Wait why are we infiltrating Sigma's fortress again?

We're looking for ninjas.

Why?

There's got to be some connection between the different time periods.

And I'm convinced it's got to be the ninjas.

Wait now we're fighting time-traveling ninjas?

No. The ninjas aren't time traveling. I am.

What right now?

You don't look like it.

Well, not *right* now, but sometimes, and it's out of my control.

Yeah, but when has it ever...

...been *in* your control?

You guys are messing with me, aren't you?

Duh

We were practicing while you were talking to Double. You know, ten feet away.

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Yes. Looks like I made  
it here before Bob

First thing need to do  
is warn the scientists that  
Bob's going to attack and  
they need to get the dim-  
ensional portal fired up



Then I'm going to get  
up to the roof which  
will be a perfect look  
out for his approach



Guys... need you to


Yeah we heard You just  
said your entire interna-  
monologue out loud



Okay portal's a. set  
Now a. we have to do's  
wait for Bob to show up

He should be here  
any minute...

What the hell is  
taking him so long?!



The trip through the  
portal was... tingly

I don't remember much of the actual trip,  
only that when we both finally woke up  
we were already in the Megaman Universe  
and dressed in our imposter costumes.



Ha ha You're  
the gay one



I guess the trip had  
given Bob temporary  
amnesia or something

When he asked what  
was going on, I made  
up some bullshit story  
about trying to take  
control of the comic.

Pssh That is the  
lamest retconning  
I've ever heard

Shut up This is my  
flashback, and I'll  
make up whatever  
backstory I want

So that's when

Are you going to stand  
there reminiscing all day?



Hey What are you doing  
here? You weren't really  
here when this happened



Well, technically  
I was, but only in a  
rather obscure way



You know, the readers  
really hate it when you  
Authors say shit like that

Yeah, we know but  
that's why we do it





So what are you  
doing here?

Oh, I figured it was finally  
time to reveal to you what  
the hell's going on here...



And this seemed as  
good a time as any

in my flashback?



This way certain  
outside forces can't  
listen in as it were

Damnit There you go  
again Why can't you



Fine We're doing it here  
so Bob can't listen in Are  
you happy now? You've  
ruined all the suspense





Bob? What do you mean?

Think about it genius.  
He's got a time machine  
with a cloaking device



Not to mention that he's  
already gone into the fu-  
ture again, and acquired  
a dimensional controller



He could be in any place  
in any time watching and  
listening to anything that  
you might do or say



Bob's a time-traveling,  
dimensional-hopping  
invisible Peeping Tom?

Exactly



I'm here because inside  
your flashback inside  
your imagination...



...is the only place Bob  
can't possibly hear what  
I'm about to tell you



I'm right here you  
know I can hear every-  
thing you're saying



Pssh, imaginary  
Bobs don't count

Hey



Okay now that we've wasted all those comics just explaining what's going on here let's talk about what's going on in the comic as a whole



You're traveling through time. That'd be my doing

What? Why?

I'll get to that



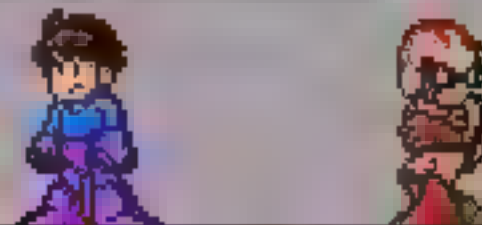
By now you've already noticed the ninjas, right? They're an artifact of what Bob's been up to



He's breeding ninjas? Is he trying to breed a golden ninja that can cross mountains, rivers, and oceans?



Bob has been traveling through time and dimensions, collecting ninjas and giving them to loyal minions to disrupt events in three different time periods, the three time periods that I've been sending you to to discover what Bob's ultimate plan is.



Who are these minions?

I can't tell you

Why not?



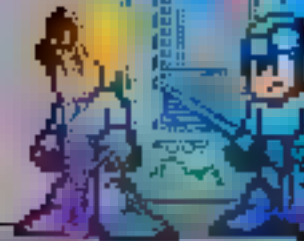
Not only would it disrupt the fabric of space and time but it would also totally ruin the surprise



Now before you ask  
I can't tell you what  
Bob's ultimate plan is.  
You'll need to figure  
that out for yourself

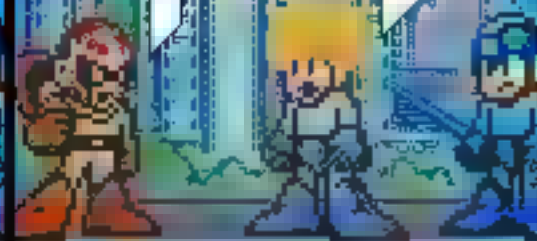


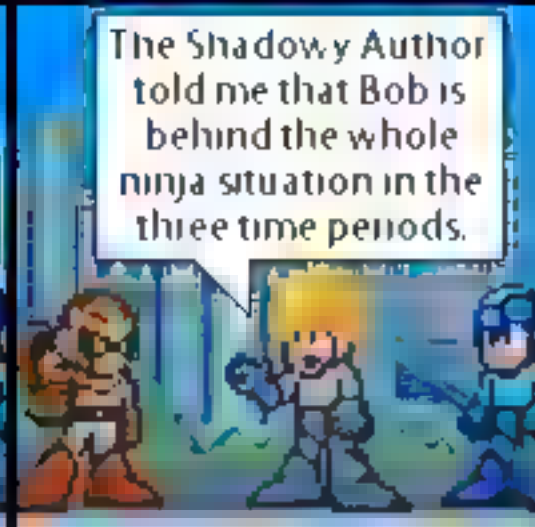
Our time is almost up.  
so remember you need  
to find out who's control-  
ling the ninjas in each  
time period and why



George?

Go to red alert We  
have a bigger prob-  
lem than I thought.





Hold on wait Just assuming we believe you what's going on?

Bob stole my time machine from the past and is trying to screw up time

These ninjas are apparently part of the plan and we have to find out who's controlling them.

You know if you'd just said that a month ago it would've saved us a lot of confusion

Oh


According to this ninja density map the area of highest concentration is on Devon Avenue

So that's where we start. Let's go

Do you suppose they forgot we have a hide?

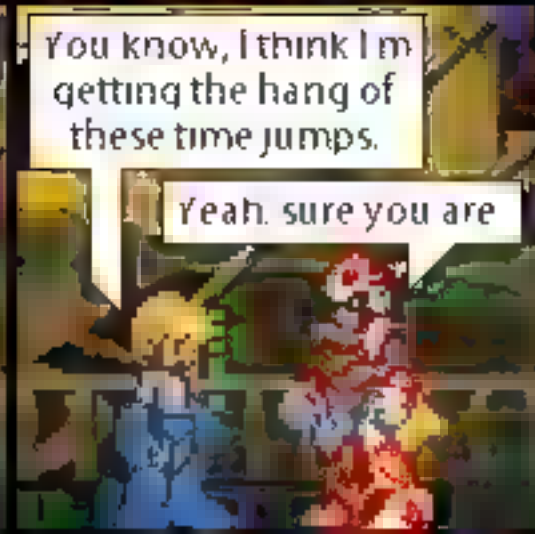
Better yet why don't they just teleport?



A pixelated comic strip panel showing two characters in a dark, industrial setting. On the left, a character with blonde hair and a blue shirt looks towards the right. On the right, a character with red hair and a red shirt looks back. They are standing in front of a large, dark structure with many windows.

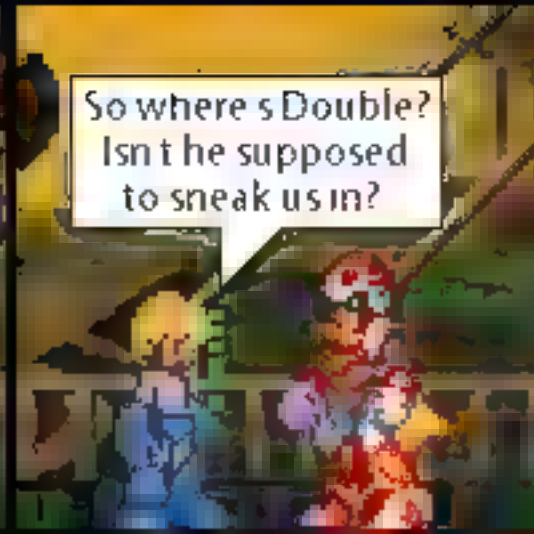
Let's go where?  
We're already here

What? Oh, right,  
Sigma's fortress.


A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters in the same dark, industrial setting. The blonde character is on the left, looking towards the red-haired character on the right. The red-haired character is looking back at the blonde character.

You know, I think I'm  
getting the hang of  
these time jumps.

Yeah, sure you are

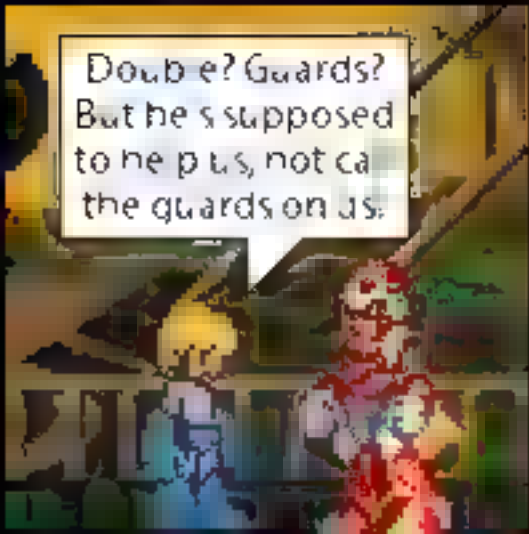
A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters in the same dark, industrial setting. The blonde character is on the left, looking towards the red-haired character on the right. The red-haired character is looking back at the blonde character.

So where's Double?  
Isn't he supposed  
to sneak us in?


A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters in the same dark, industrial setting. The blonde character is on the left, looking towards the red-haired character on the right. The red-haired character is looking back at the blonde character.

Hey, isn't that him  
with all the guards?


Aw, crap




Doubt? Guards?  
But he's supposed  
to help us, not call  
the guards on us.



Oh crap. What're we  
gonna do? We should  
probably run, right?




Yeah. Let's run.  
Let's get out of  
here before.



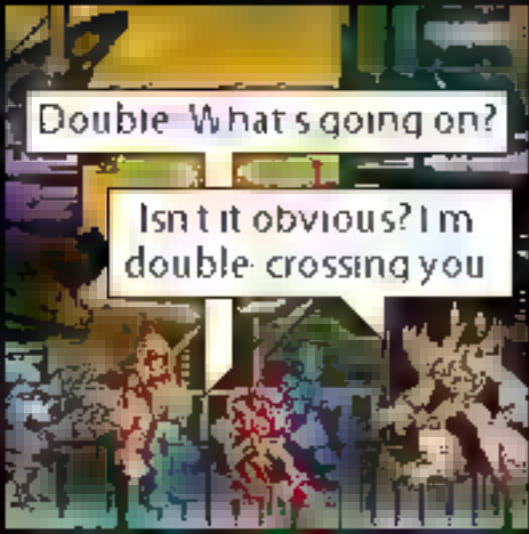
Uh, George?



Too late.




Damn it.



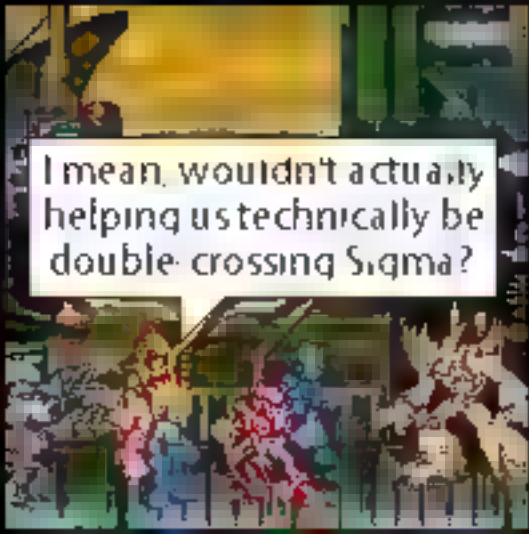
Double: What's going on?

Isn't it obvious? I'm double-crossing you




Is it technically double-crossing?

What?

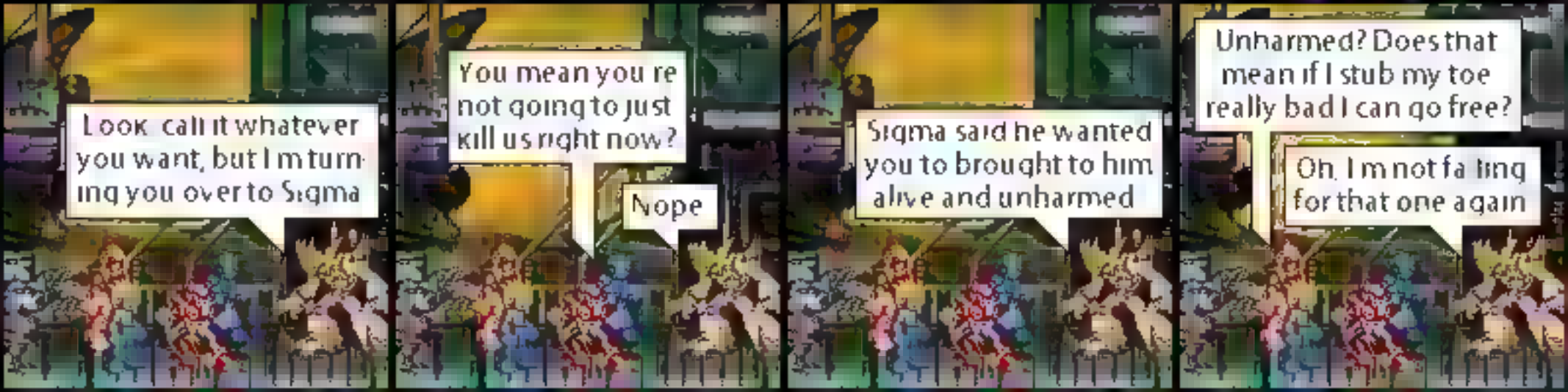


I mean, wouldn't actually helping us technically be double-crossing Sigma?



So you're saying I'm triple-crossing you?

Or is it double-double-crossing?

A group of colorful, pixelated characters, including a red dragon-like creature and several smaller, multi-colored beings, are gathered in a forest. The background shows green foliage and a brown ground.

Look call it whatever you want, but I'm turning you over to Sigma


You mean you're not going to just kill us right now?

Nope

Sigma said he wanted you brought to him alive and unharmed


Unharmed? Does that mean if I stub my toe really bad I can go free?

Oh, I'm not falling for that one again




Double how could  
you do this to us?

I'm evil I told you that



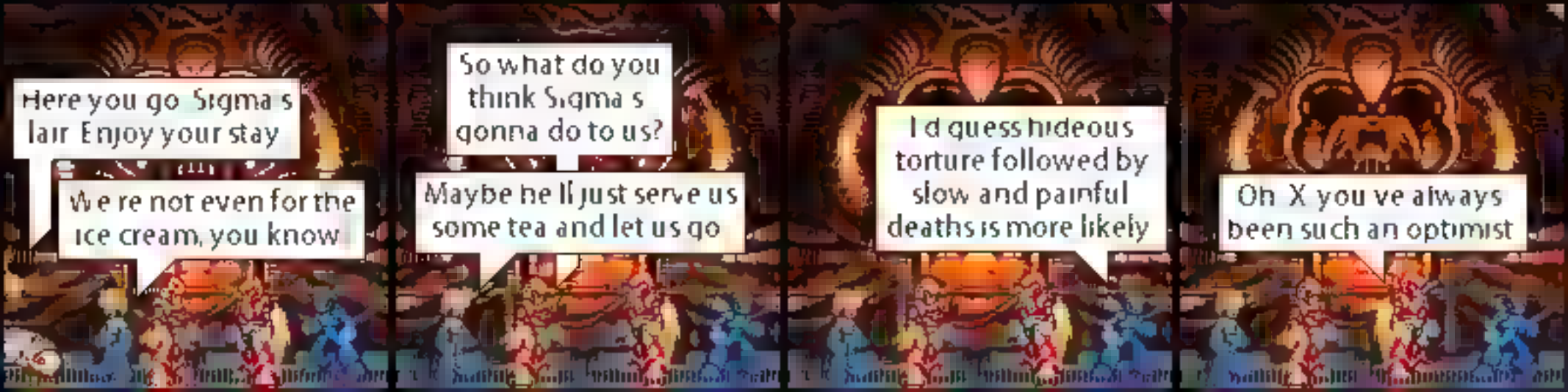
But I thought  
we were friends.

Oh, like this is the first time  
I've double-crossed you



I was pretending to be a Maverick Hunter for months,  
all the while spying for Sigma before I transformed  
and killed dozens of Reploids. I betrayed all of you

Yeah but I didn't think you'd do it again



Here you go Sigma's  
lair. Enjoy your stay.

We're not even for the  
ice cream, you know.

So what do you  
think Sigma's  
gonna do to us?

Maybe he'll just serve us  
some tea and let us go.

I'd guess hideous  
torture followed by  
slow and painful  
death is more likely.

Oh X, you've always  
been such an optimist.






Guys, this is a bad thing...

What do you mean?

Villains only demand prisoners arrive alive and unharmed for two reasons.

He plans on gloating and putting them into an easily escapable trap or raping them before he kills them.

Man I hope it's the trap



You know George I'm  
seeing a distinct lack  
of ninjas around here

They must be hiding...

Ah salutations, Maverick  
Hunters. What brings you  
to my humble abode?

Um... nothing we  
just thought we'd  
stop by and say hi

Well in that case let  
me offer you some tea

I knew it



After a nice spot of Earl Grey...

While I do enjoy the company of my arch-nemeses when they're not trying to kill me...


I'm afraid I don't quite believe your reasons for being here which is why I've poisoned the tea

MWAHAHAHA

Um... we're all robots.

URK

...except George



George are you okay?


Yeah, I'll be fine in a bit  
It takes more than a mere  
lethal poison to kill me

Is he going to be all right?


Yeah, he's just  
incapacitated  
for the moment

Oh good Then I guess  
it's time for the rape


Gah



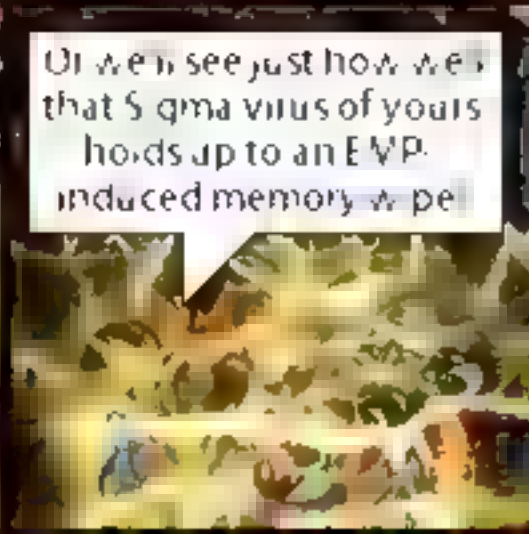
All right that's it



Listen up Baddy  
cause I'm tired of  
playing games



We know you've been  
contacted by my brother  
and you're hiding ninjas  
somewhere around here  
so, just give 'em up now



Or we'll see just how well  
that Sigma virus of yours  
holds up to an EMP-  
induced memory wipe

And when you're at it  
you can tell me what  
my brother's up to



I... don't know what  
you're talking about

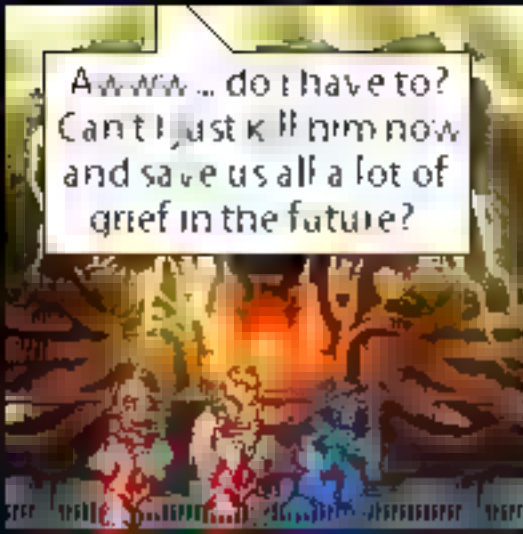
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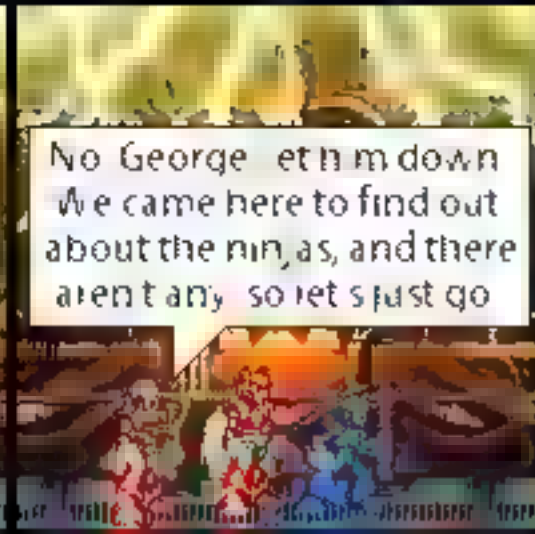
George Stop this, isn't it  
obvious that he's telling  
the truth? For god's sake  
he's even passed himself

drank too much tea






Awww... do I have to?  
Can't I just kill him now  
and save us all a lot of  
grief in the future?




No George let him down  
We came here to find out  
about the ninjas, and there  
aren't any so let's just go

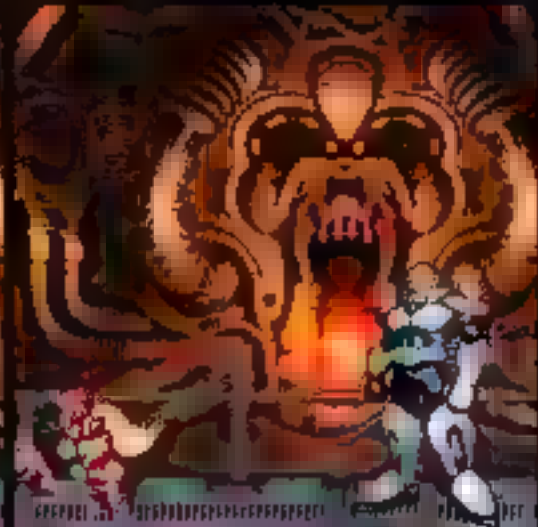


You swear there  
are no ninjas here?

Yes, No ninjas, I swear



Fine I'll let you down,  
but only because time's  
conductive and I don't  
want to fry my friends.





Just don't get it  
Why aren't there  
any ninjas in the

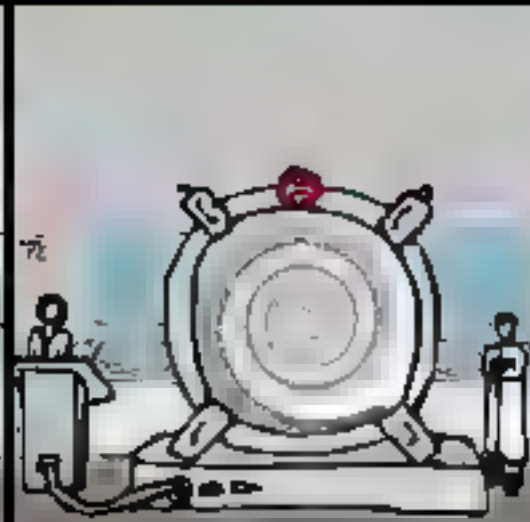
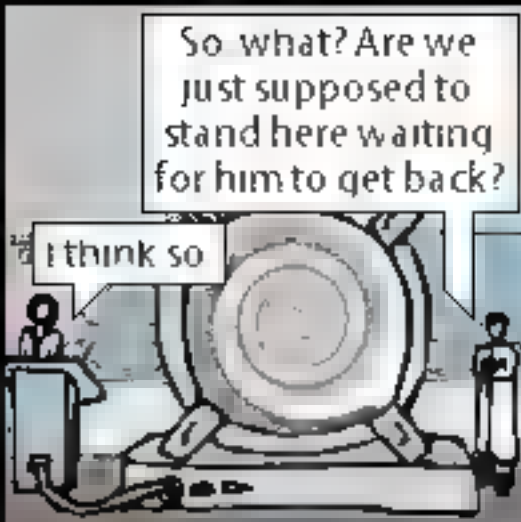
future... Holy  
crap what am I  
st. doing here?!

Bob must already be  
downtown with his ninjas.  
We got to get down there

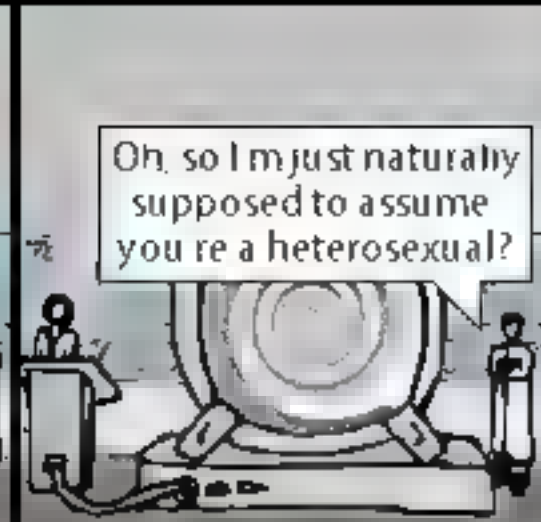
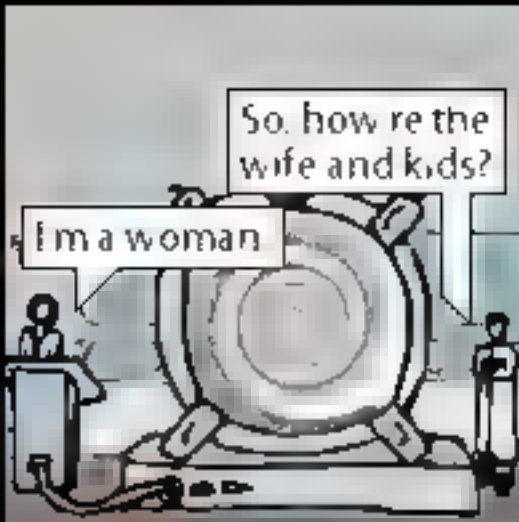
Why did he just announce  
his plans aloud like that?

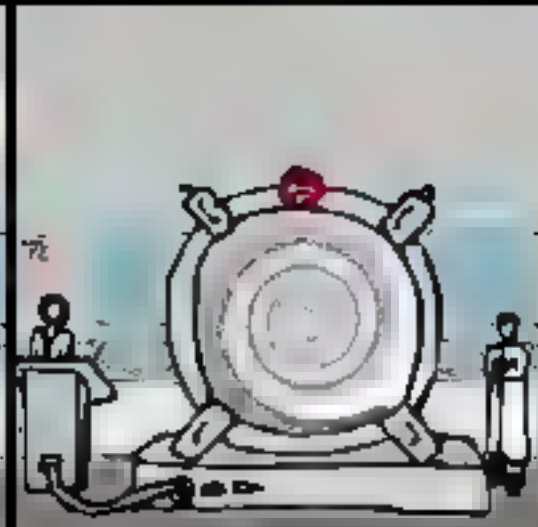
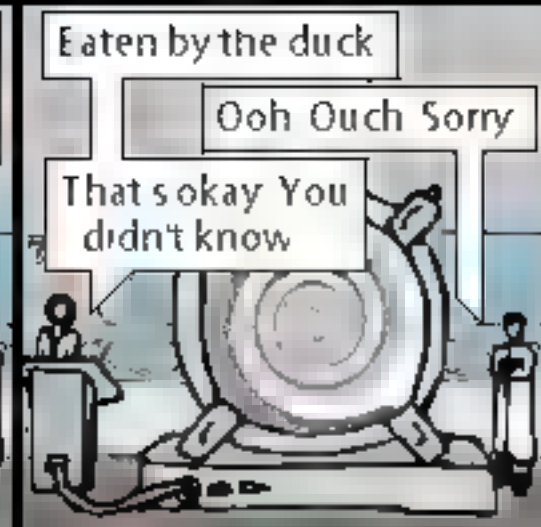
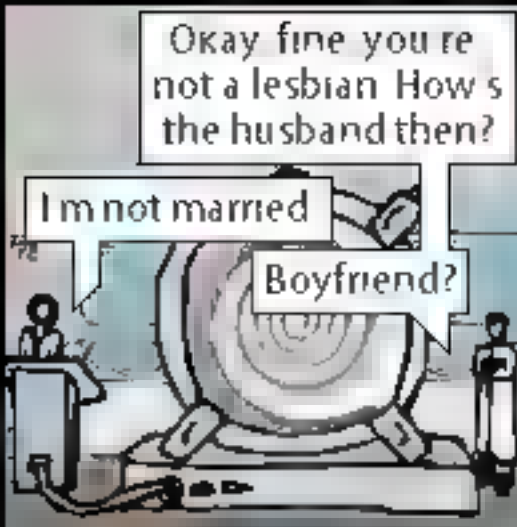
Must be a superhero thing














A single-panel comic strip showing a character with spiky blonde hair and a blue shirt standing in a dark, rocky environment. A speech bubble is coming from the character.


Ted I've got to go I've got to find out what's really going on here

A two-panel comic strip. The first panel shows the blonde character talking to a character with blue hair and a blue shirt. The second panel shows the blonde character talking to a character with brown hair and a red shirt. Both panels have speech bubbles.

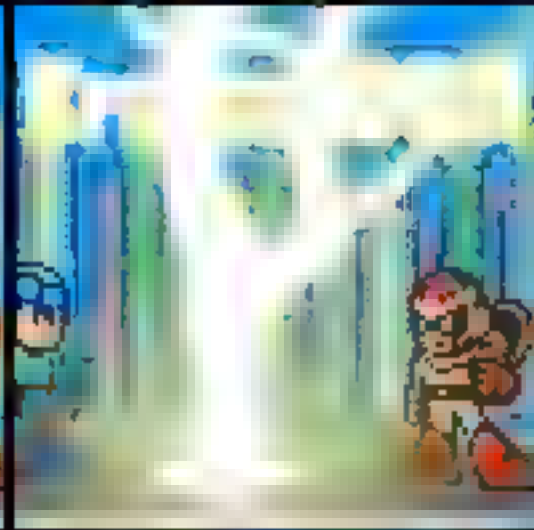
And I think Captain Kinesis might have some answers

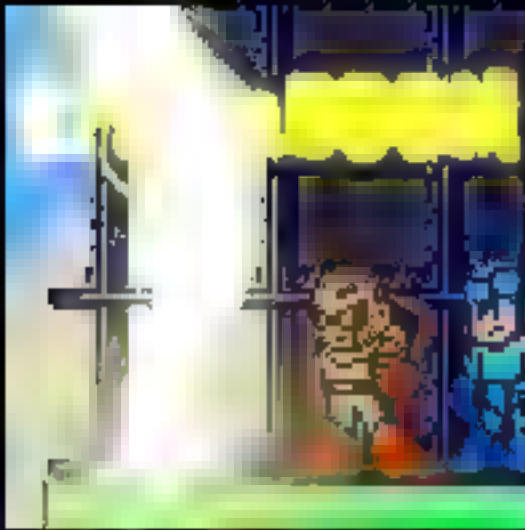
A single-panel comic strip showing the blonde character, the blue-haired character, and the brown-haired character standing together in a room with blue pillars. The blonde character has a speech bubble.

What? Who's Captain Kinesis?

A single-panel comic strip showing the blonde character, the blue-haired character, and the brown-haired character standing together in a room with blue pillars. The blonde character has a speech bubble.

Damnit! Quit time-shifting me right when I'm getting to the good part





There's Mynd  
down below

Okay how're we  
gonna do this?

Ooh What if the four of  
us flank him, blasters bl

Shut up Bass. Last time  
your plan got us all killed

Well, except for the  
humans, right George?

George?

Uh-oh



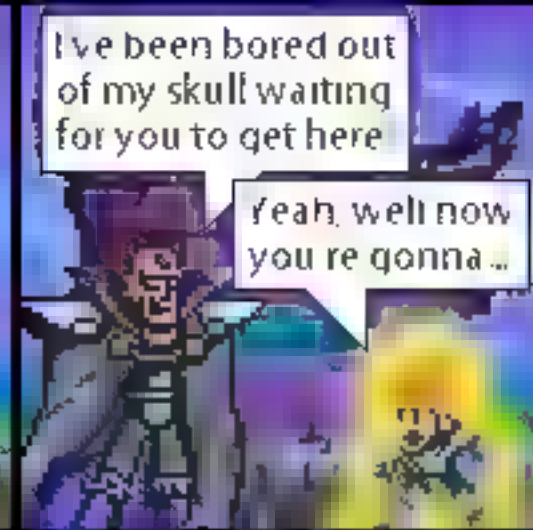
Hold it right there Mynd

George You're finally here What took you so long?



I've been bored out of my skull waiting for you to get here

Yeah, well now you're gonna...



Wait what?



You were waiting for me?

Of course You are the main character in this little time travel melodrama, aren't you?

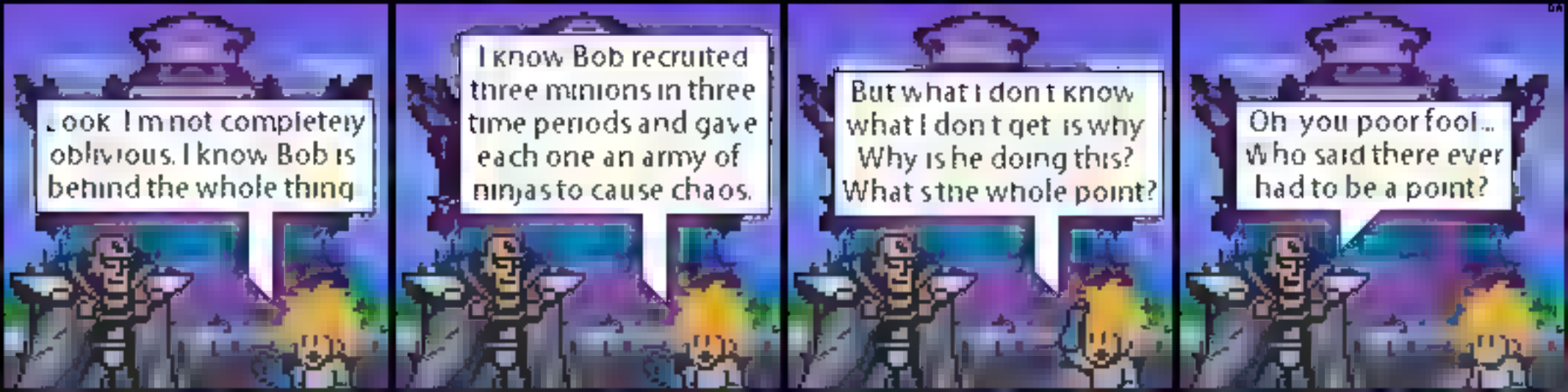
I... I suppose But what's going on?

Oh dear you haven't figured it out yet? And your brother had such high hopes for you

I suppose you'd like me to connect all the dots for you? Lead you from A to B to C?

Oh god. we're not gonna play Twenty Questions, are we?



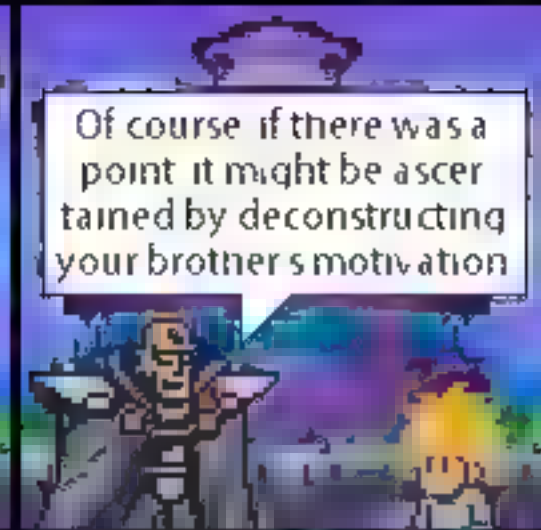


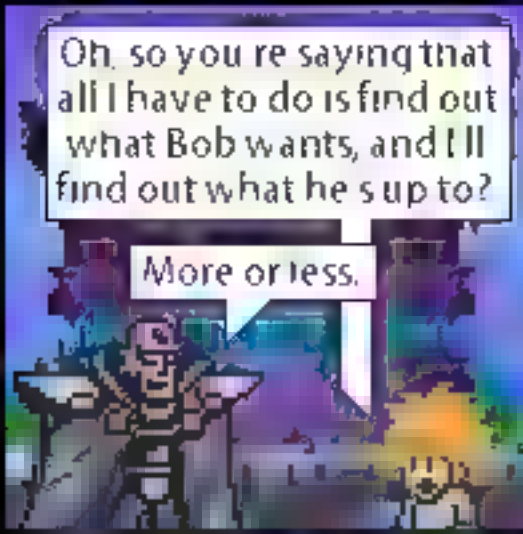
Look I'm not completely oblivious. I know Bob is behind the whole thing

I know Bob recruited three minions in three time periods and gave each one an army of ninjas to cause chaos.

But what I don't know what I don't get is why  
Why is he doing this?  
What's the whole point?


Oh you poor fool...  
Who said there ever had to be a point?



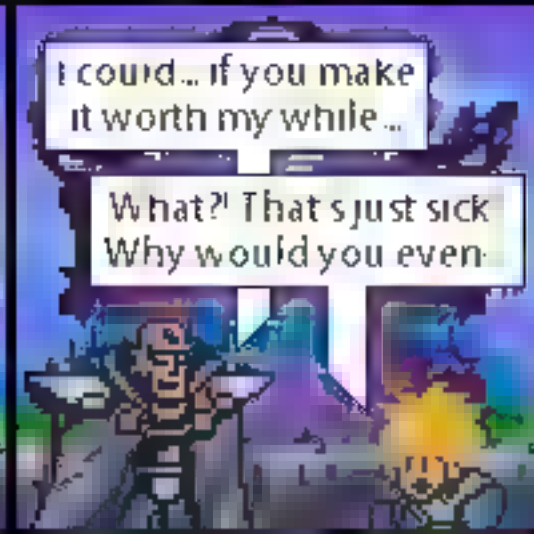
A pixelated comic strip panel showing a character with a large head and a small body on the left, and a character with a large head and a small body on the right. The character on the left is speaking.

Oh, so you're saying that  
all I have to do is find out  
what Bob wants, and I'll  
find out what he's up to?

More or less.


A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

Meh, that sounds like  
way too much work.  
Can't you just tell me  
what you're up to?

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the left is speaking.


I could... if you make  
it worth my while...

What? That's just sick.  
Why would you even

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the right is speaking.

I meant defeating  
me in battle...

Oh...

A pixelated comic strip consisting of three panels. In each panel, a character with a sword (left) is talking to a character with a crown (right). The background is a simple landscape with a blue sky and green ground. The character with the sword is wearing a blue tunic and a brown hat. The character with the crown is wearing a blue tunic and a crown. The text is in a speech bubble coming from the character with the sword.

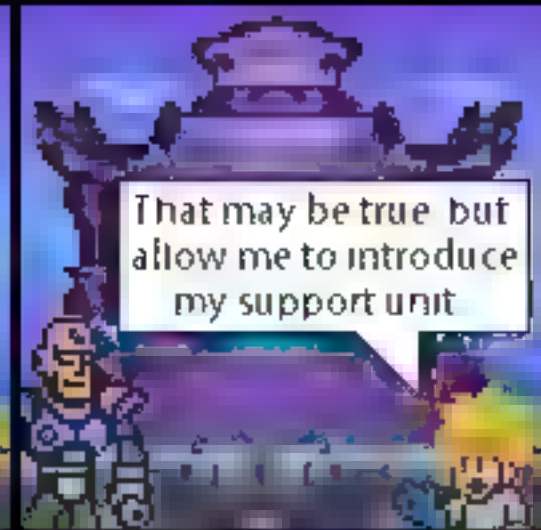
if you recall, the last time we fought I was only defeated because you and your brother were willing to sacrifice yourselves to stop me

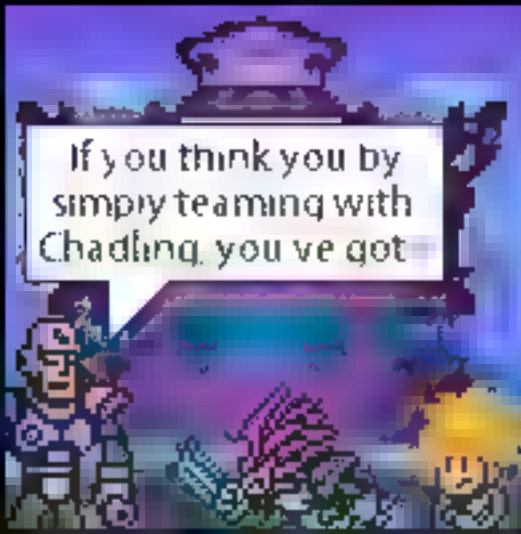
Not only don't I see your brother here but I don't think you'll be willing to give your life this time

And even if you were you're still too much of a pussy to stop me

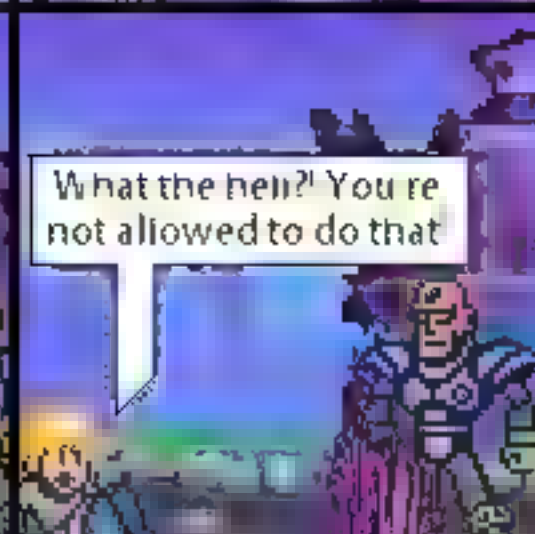
Oh, it's on now



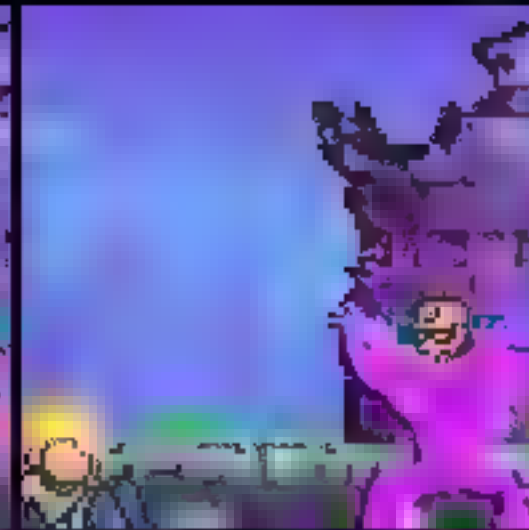
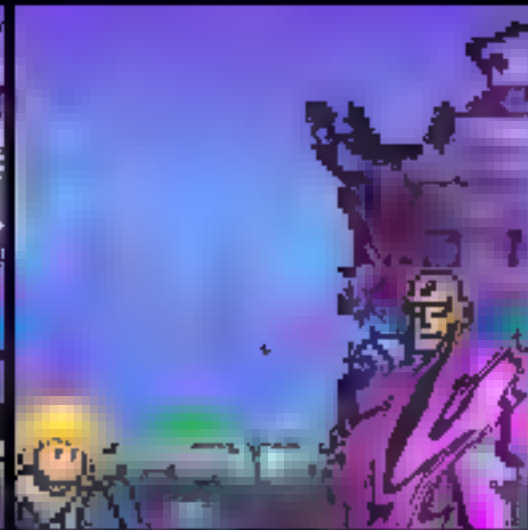


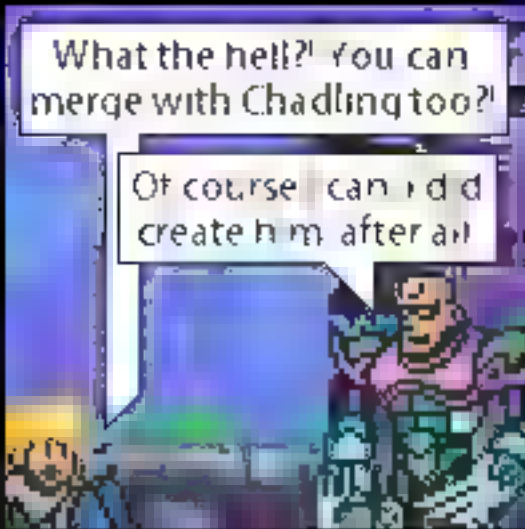












The mistake I made  
last time we met was  
not killing you when  
I had the chance

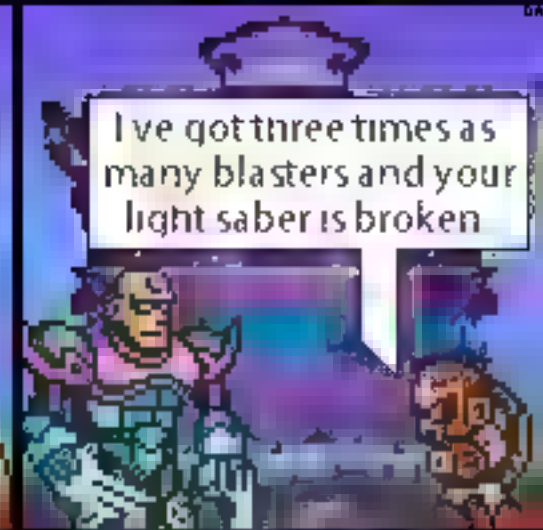
But this time we  
make no mistakes,  
and you *will* die

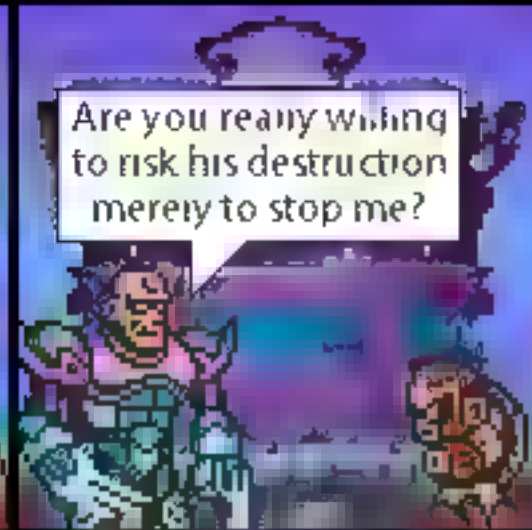
Not if we can help it

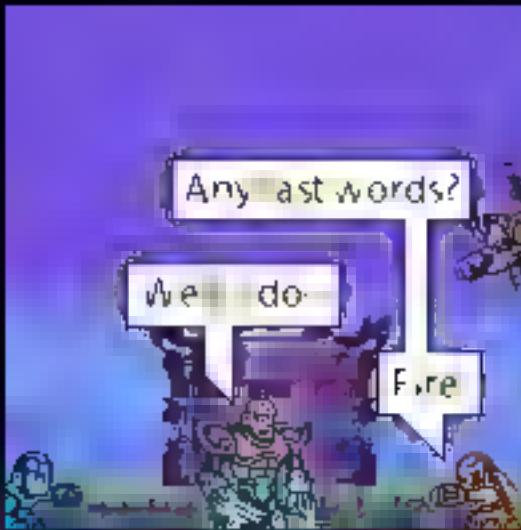
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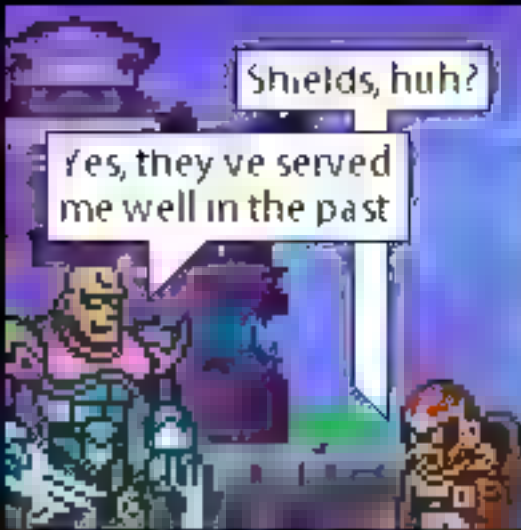
Not if we can help it


See George? That's  
why don't use that  
kind of language  
it attracts heroes.









A pixel art illustration of a man and a woman in a forest. The man, on the left, is wearing a green tunic and a blue hat, and is gesturing with his hands. The woman, on the right, is wearing a brown dress and a red hat, and is holding a sword. They are standing in a forest with trees and a path.

You ready to do this?

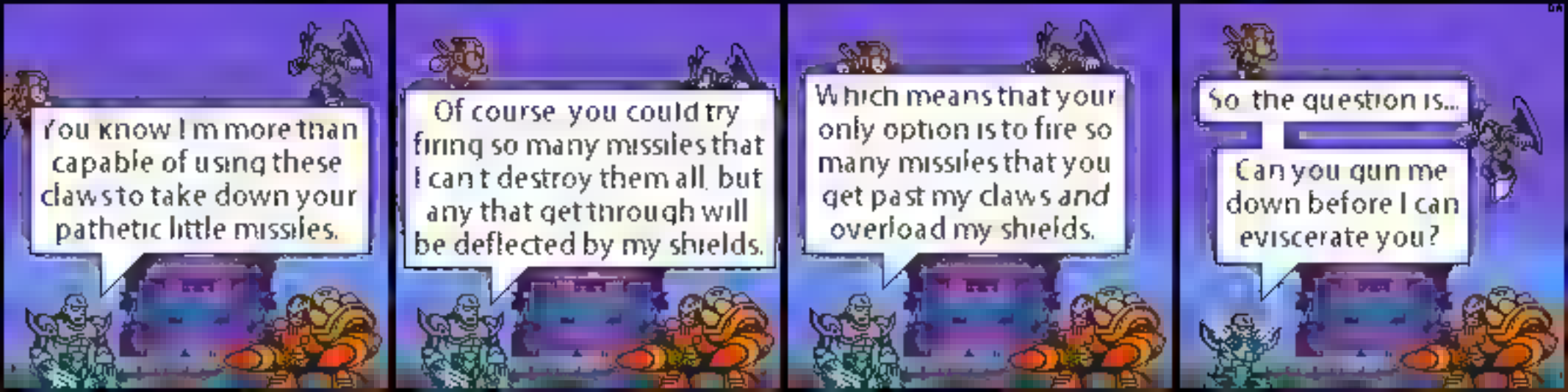
I'm more than ready but it seems to me you have a slight problem.

Oh what's that?

It's the same problem you've always had...

You always bring swords to gun fights.






You know I'm more than capable of using these claws to take down your pathetic little missiles.

Of course you could try firing so many missiles that I can't destroy them all, but any that get through will be deflected by my shields.

Which means that your only option is to fire so many missiles that you get past my claws and overload my shields.


So the question is...

Can you gun me down before I can eviscerate you?



Panel 1 of a comic strip. On the left, Mega Man, a small blue robot with a white visor and a sword, stands with his arms raised. On the right, a large, bulky robot with a brown and orange body and a large, rounded head stands with its arms crossed. The background is a dark, industrial interior with a large, ornate structure in the center.

Hmm... you might have a point I suppose the only thing to do is... Oh for the love of god, Mega Man what are you doing back there?



Panel 2 of a comic strip. Mega Man is on the left, looking towards the large robot. The large robot is on the right, looking back at Mega Man. The background is the same dark, industrial interior.

Hunh? I'm not doing anything

Ah...



Panel 3 of a comic strip. Mega Man is on the left, looking towards the large robot. The large robot is on the right, looking back at Mega Man. The background is the same dark, industrial interior.

A distraction...



Proto Man I'm surprised at you

I'm evil I'm supposed to do things like using a distraction to shoot an enemy in the back.



But you're the good guy  
You're supposed to be above that kind of thing  
Where did you learn that kind of behavior?



You're all right I learned it from watching you



***Villains who  
fight dirty  
have  
heroes who  
fight dirty.***

partnership for a Helmut-free comic

Oh ,i'm sorry We've  
just been stand ng  
here chatt ng wh le  
your missile is still  
stuck to my claw



Allow me to  
return it to you



Ho y hole Batman



Nice going there sick A  
you'd d was b o w a h o e in  
an otherwise gooey body  
Nate's already started  
repairing the damage

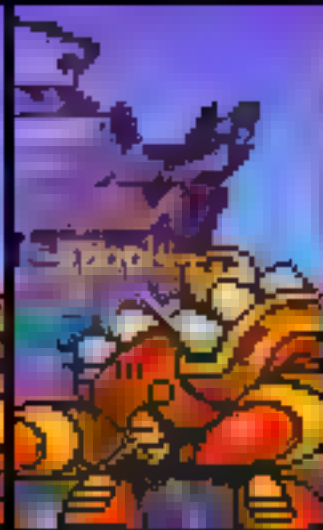


hope that wasn't  
your only plan...

Nope

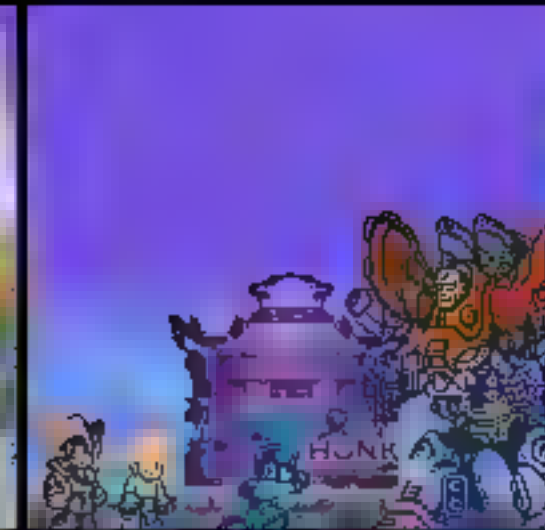
Oh, this is a  
sort of wrong









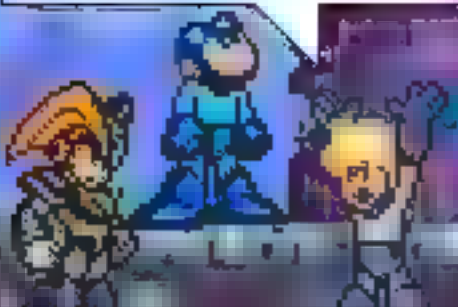


Sorry I'm just not feeling  
very helpful right now

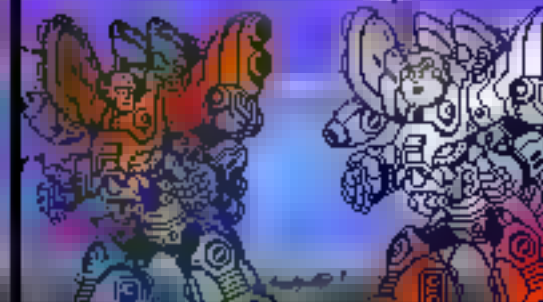
Can't you use your title  
character abilities to  
save us or something?



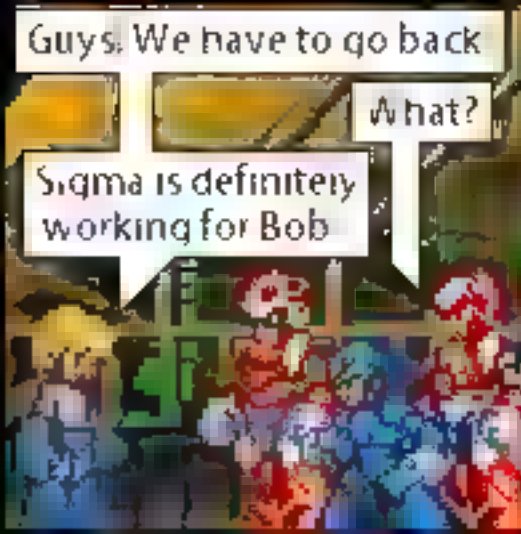
It doesn't work that way  
Bass. I can't just wave my  
hands and have a plot  
device fall from the sky

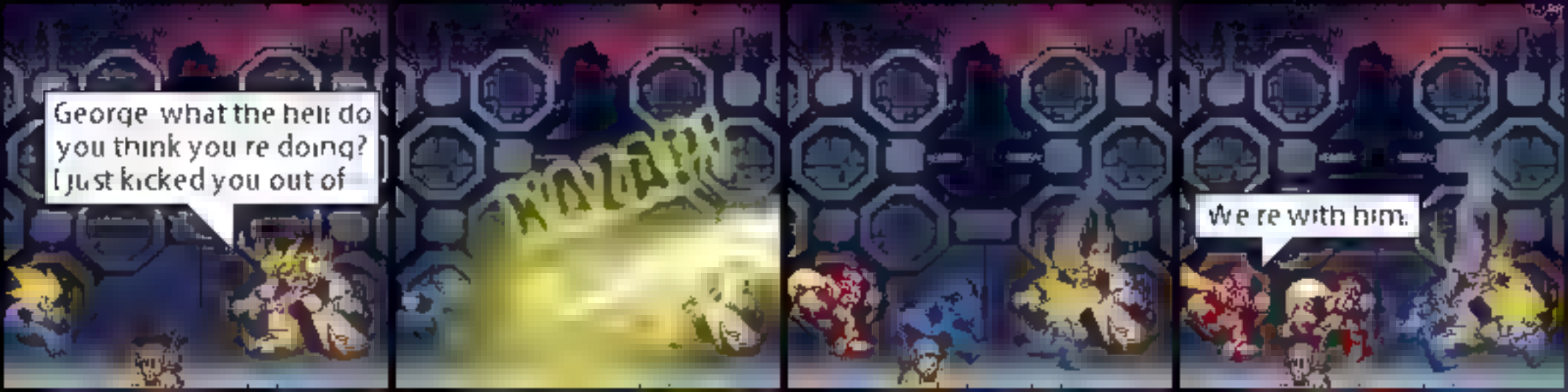


MYND NOW WE  
S MO WRASSLE










George what the hell do  
you think you re doing?  
I just kicked you out of


We re with him.

A comic panel showing a character with long blonde hair and a red dress standing in a forest. A speech bubble from Sigma says, "Sigma I know you've met with my brother".

Sigma I know you've met with my brother

A comic panel showing a character with long blonde hair and a red dress standing in a forest. A speech bubble from Sigma says, "Oh, that's who that was?".

Oh, that's who that was?


A comic panel showing a character with long blonde hair and a red dress standing in a forest. A speech bubble from Sigma says, "Yes, I met with him. And he was nice enough to outfit me with these...".

Yes, I met with him. And he was nice enough to outfit me with these...

A comic panel showing a character with long blonde hair and a red dress standing in a forest. A speech bubble from Sigma says, "Damn it".

Damn it





Well George I guess we  
owe you an apology

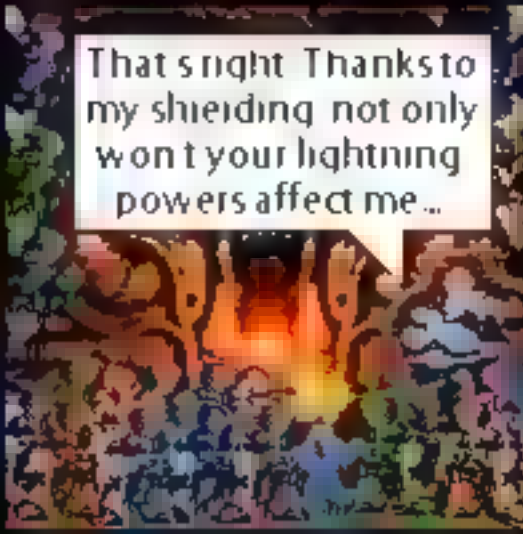
Yeah this is definitely an  
"I told you so" situation

Sigma what's going  
on here? What the hell  
is my brother up to?

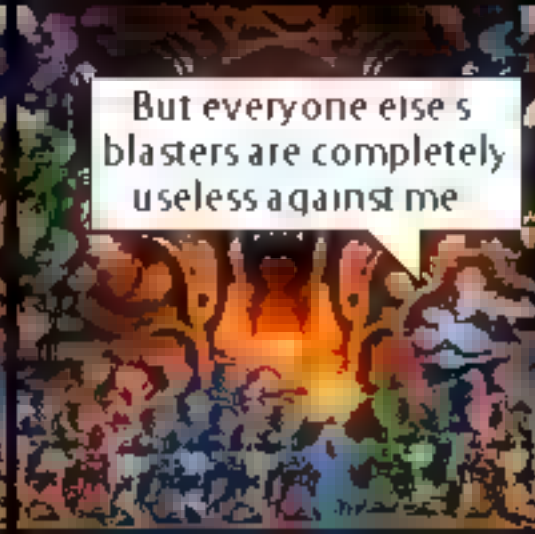
I'm sorry George but  
I can't tell you that

Uh really? And what's to  
stop me from flying your  
entire ninja army and  
torturing you until you  
piss your pants again?

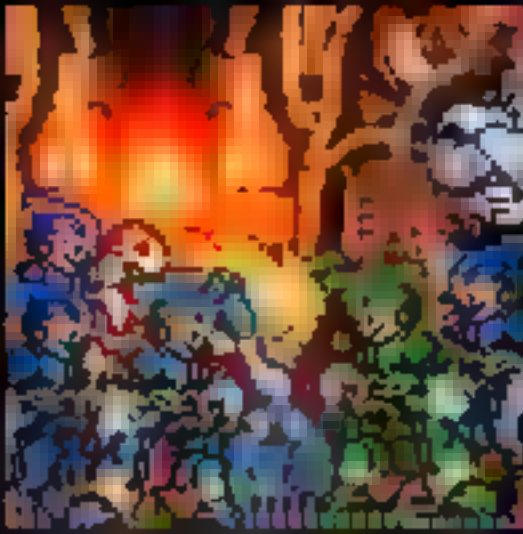
For starters, how about  
some lovely shielding  
your brother gave me?



That's right. Thanks to  
my shielding, not only  
won't your lightning  
powers affect me...



But everyone else's  
blasters are completely  
useless against me.



Uh... what are you doing?



Come on plot devices.  
Don't let me down now.




Oh George I don't  
think it's working

Oh fine I guess I'll just  
have to do this myself

What the he-? Where  
did he go? You're not  
allowed to just leave in  
the middle of a battle



I think he just did



No matter with  
or without George  
now you all d...



now you all d...



What? What do we do?  
Dance? Because I left my  
good shoes at home

Oh come now George  
think about this logically  
What would Dr Cain be  
doing in Sigma's mind?

He wouldn't be... so you...  
you must be the symbolic  
representation of Dr Cain's  
original programming

Exactly

Now if you would be  
so kind, perhaps you  
could explain what  
you're doing here

I'm the symbolic  
representation of  
Sigma's crushingly  
low self esteem?

Wait... why is Dr. Cain's programming still in here at all? I thought it was overwritten by the Maverick virus.

Not at all. While the virus may be powerful, it was never designed to do more than take control of a Reploid's higher brain functions.

It still needs the original programming to handle basic motor functions, hence my presence.

So you're the one responsible for that girly walk of his?

My one act of subversiveness.

Wait... if you're Dr. Cain's programming, what's the symbolic representation of the Maverick virus?

Funny you should mention that. Looks like he's coming over.

Would someone care to explain to me why my flagship Reploid has stopped moving?

Dr. Wily?

Not now, George. I'm trying to have a talk with my better half.

My apologies, sir but  
I detected an electrical  
surge and shut down  
to properly investigate

And what was the source  
of the electrical surge?

Oh that would be me

I see And what is it  
you re doing here?

An well, see that s  
a little complicated

See I m kinda  
sorta technically  
here to kill you



I'm sorry come again?

I have to destroy Sigma before he can complete whatever nefarious task my brother has assigned

But his body's become impervious to blasters and my powers, so my only option is to destroy him from the inside

Which means I'm technically here to kill you

Pssh If I had a nickel every time someone tried to kill me...

George no offense but it takes a bigger man than you to bring me down

I mean, when I was still alive who finally killed me? Was it that pansy Mega Man? Or Dr. Light?

No It took the most powerful robot in the world to kill me and I friggin built him!

Yeah, but look what he sturned into

That s not the point

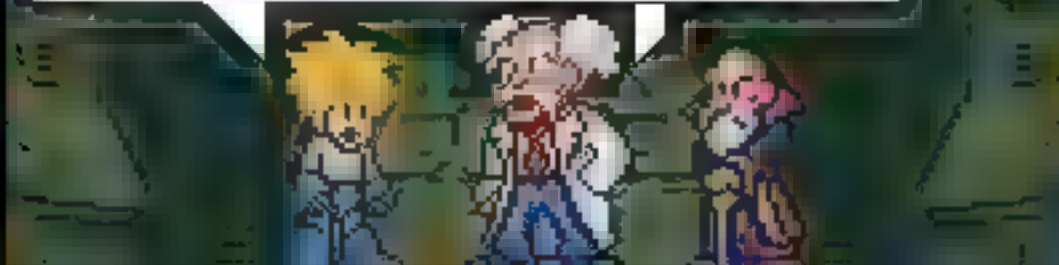


Look I don't want to kill  
either of you. Just tell  
me what Sigma and my  
brother are planning.



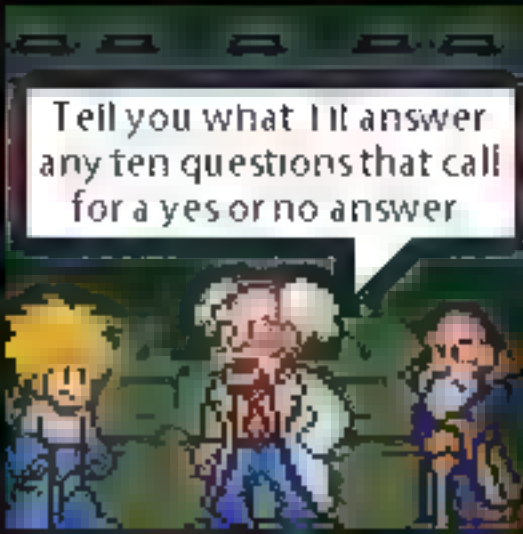
Oh, I could tell you, but where's the fun in that?

You mean aside from watching me go crazy as  
you answer all of my questions with technically  
correct but completely useless half-truths?




Well, when you  
put it that way...




A comic strip panel showing three characters: a blonde man on the left, a man with glasses in the center, and a woman on the right. The man with glasses is speaking.


Tell you what I'll answer  
any ten questions that call  
for a yes or no answer

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The man with glasses is speaking.

What, really?

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The woman is speaking.

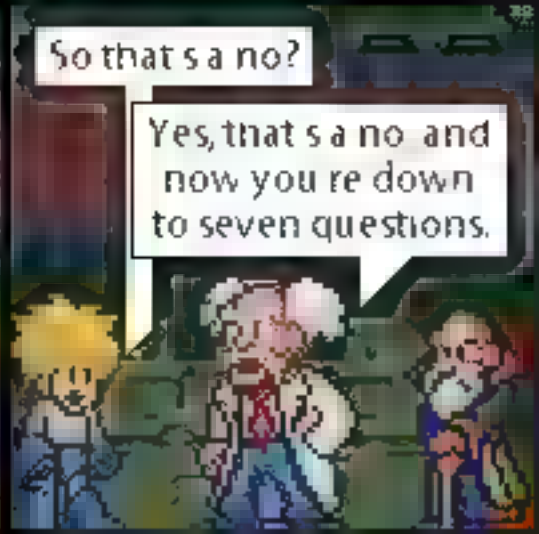
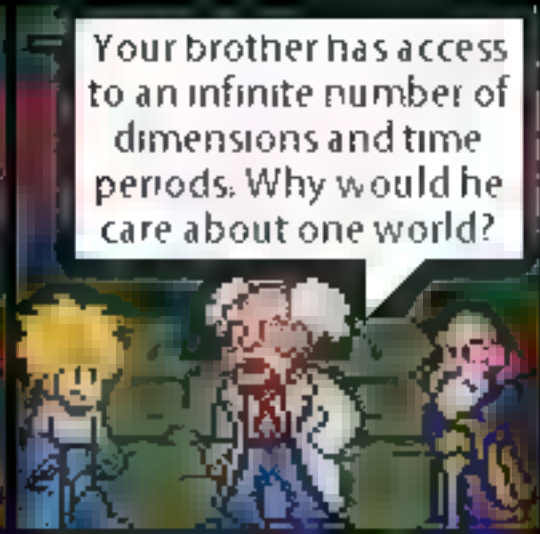
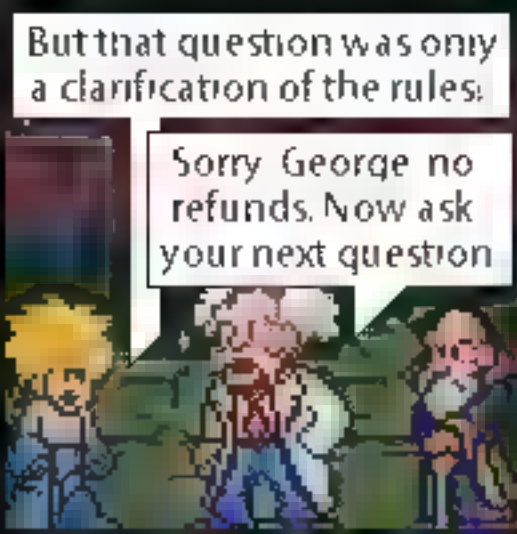
Sure why not?

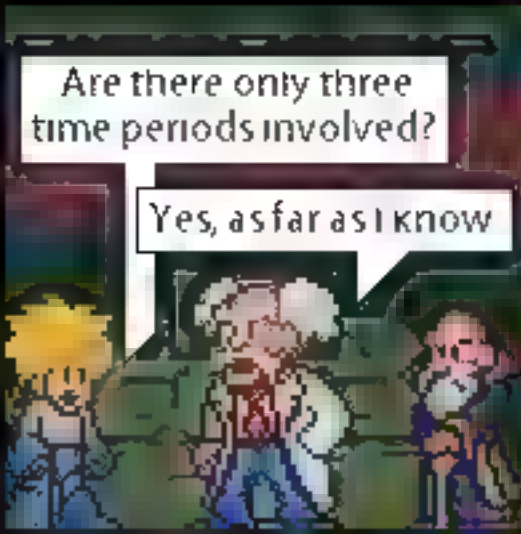
A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The man with glasses is speaking.

By the way that was  
your first question

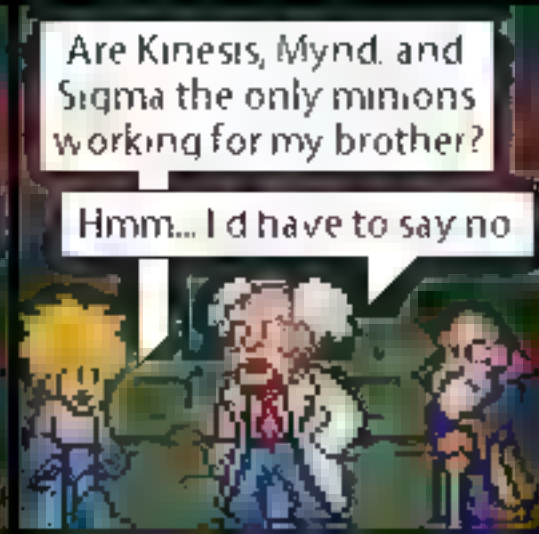
A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The woman is speaking.

Damn it



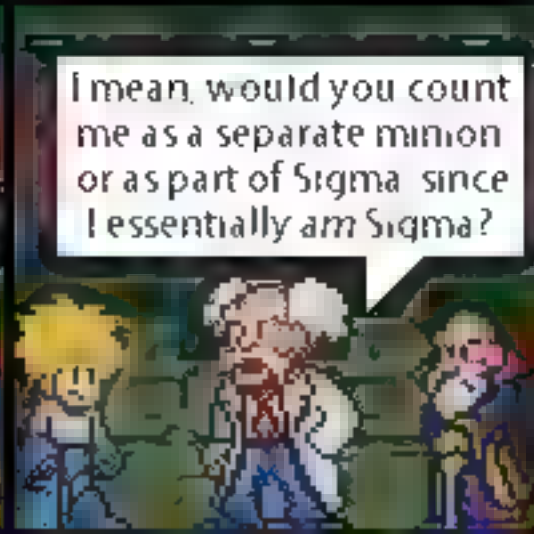


Yes, as far as I know

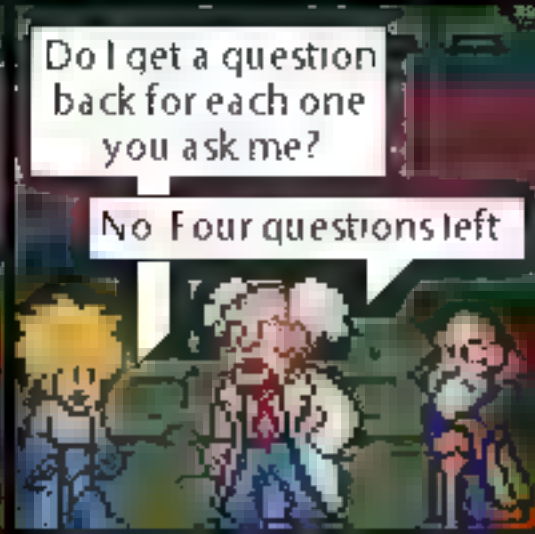


Are Kinesis, Mynd, and Sigma the only minions working for my brother?

Hmm... I'd have to say no




I mean, would you count me as a separate minion or as part of Sigma since I essentially am Sigma?



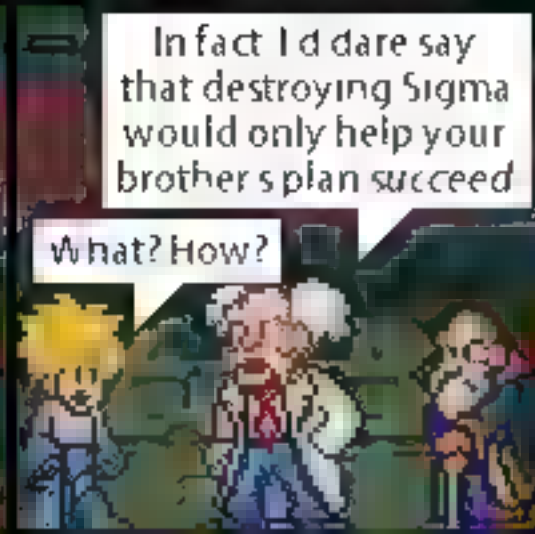
Do I get a question back for each one you ask me?

No Four questions left

A comic strip panel showing three characters: a blonde boy on the left, a pink-haired girl in the center, and a brown-haired girl on the right. The blonde boy is speaking.

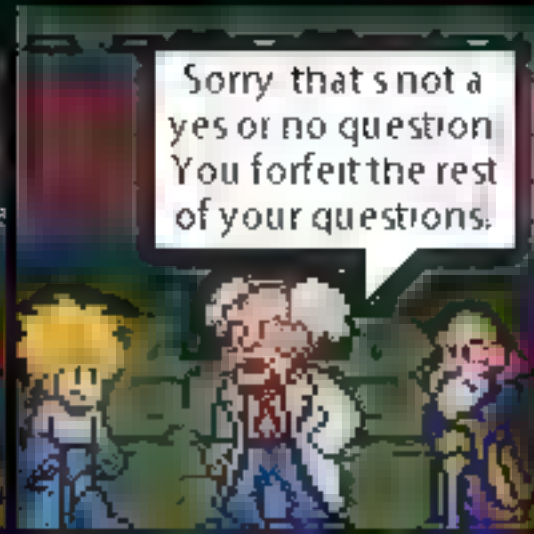
Would destroying Sigma stop my brother's plans?

No, definitely not


A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The pink-haired girl is speaking.

In fact I'd dare say that destroying Sigma would only help your brother's plan succeed

What? How?

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The pink-haired girl is speaking.

Sorry that's not a yes or no question  
You forfeit the rest of your questions.

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters. The pink-haired girl is speaking.

Dr Cain tell him what wonderful consolation prizes we have for him.

I hate you

Now that we've played  
our little game George  
it's time for you to go

I'm not leaving until I get  
some more damn answers!

I was hoping you'd  
say that... Guards,  
Take him away...

What?

You can't do this to  
me! You hear me?  
You can't do this!

...and attach him  
to the ceiling...

NOOOOOOOO





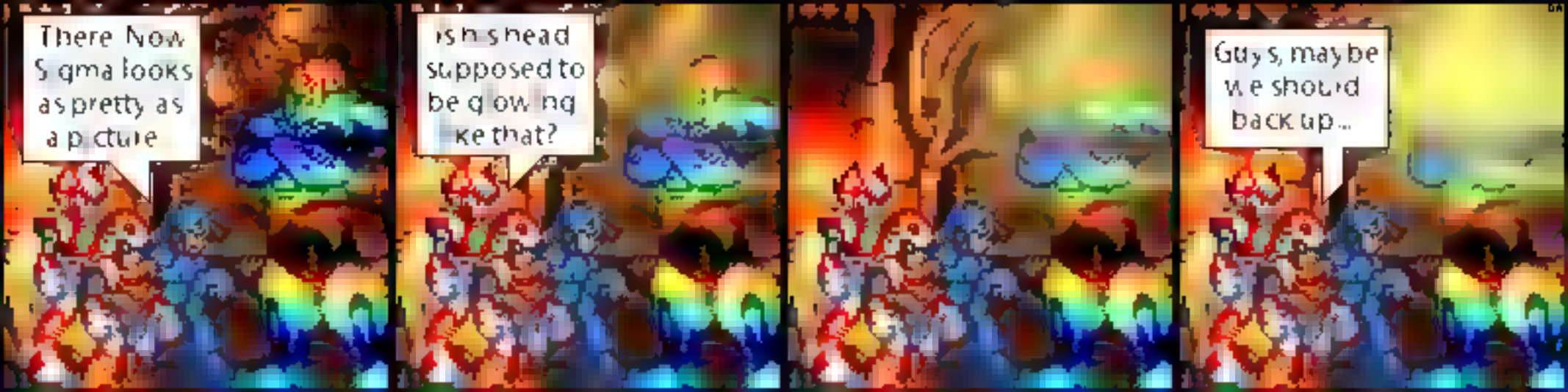
AAAAAAAAAAHH  
You can't do this.  
You can't do this.

Wait a minute... you  
can't do this to me...

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Dr Can looks ke  
tst me to vacate  
Sigma skull again

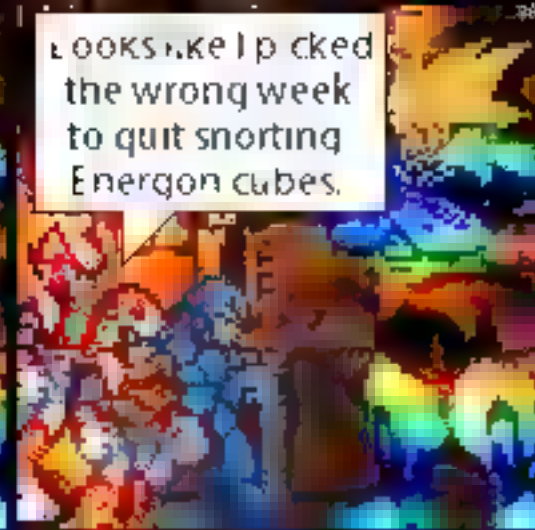
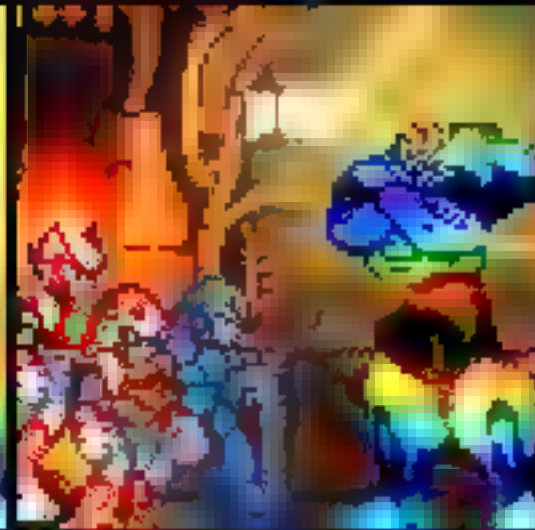
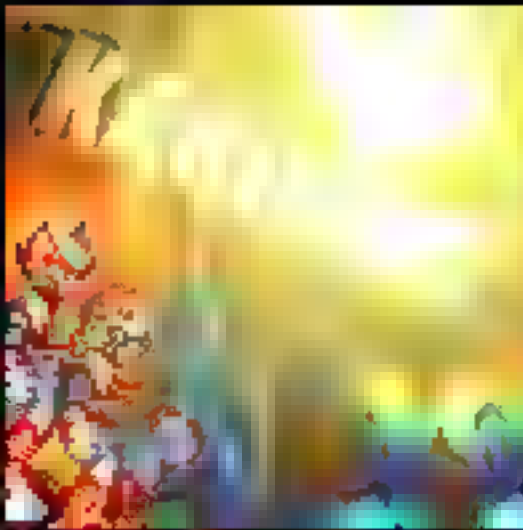


A group of people, including a man in a red shirt and a woman in a blue shirt, are gathered in a forest. They are looking at a glowing, colorful object on the ground. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the glowing object. The people are standing in a line, looking towards the right side of the frame.

There Now  
Sigma looks  
as pretty as  
a picture

is his head  
supposed to  
be glowing  
like that?


Guy s, maybe  
we should  
back up...



George?

Hi guys!

Looks like I picked  
the wrong week  
to quit snorting  
Energon cubes.



George: What's going on?

Since we couldn't defeat Sigma from the outside, I went inside his brain.

I met the symbolic representations of Dr. Cain's original programming...

...and the Sigma Virus, which looked like Dr. Wily. But he tried to capture me, so I destroyed everything.

Not everything you'd expect.

Sigma.

Dr Wily

Sigma.

Sigma

Dr Wily?!

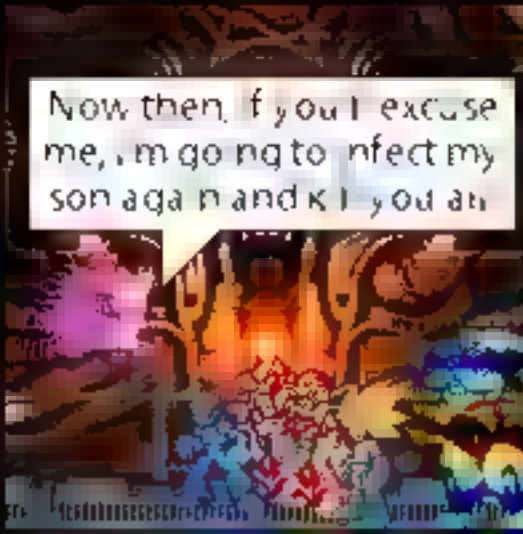
Dr Wily?!

Dr Wily?!

Oh, Jesus, how many times  
do I have to explain this?  
Dr Wily is the Sigma Virus.

It's true. The virus is a  
digital copy of my soul  
which I implanted into  
Zero before he killed me.

Oh, yeah. Sorry  
about that, Dad.

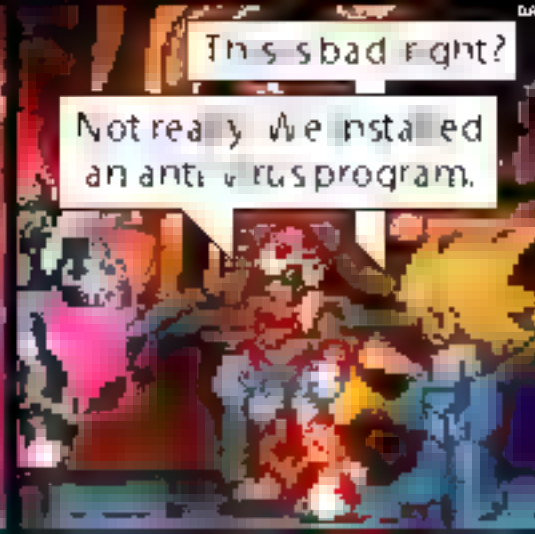


Now then, if you excuse me, I'm going to infect my son again and kill you all.




NOOO

AAAAAHHH



It's so bad right?

Not really we installed an anti-virus program.



How... how could  
you do this to me?

Oh, please You've been  
asking for this for years.

But... but this will kill  
me I'll be deleted

Yeah we know  
That's the idea

But this is murder  
George you can't do  
this it goes against  
your very nature

I don't know why...  
I might be willing to  
take the alignment  
penalty on this one



George... you can't...

...suppose if you  
told me what my  
brother's up to...

Your... brother... the  
same thing... when  
I first... met him...


What the hell is that  
supposed to mean?!

need specifics, damn it

Fine. Go down the  
hall and take the first  
left then the second  
right just after the...

Should one of us be  
writing this down?

Get me some paper  
I'll draw you a map



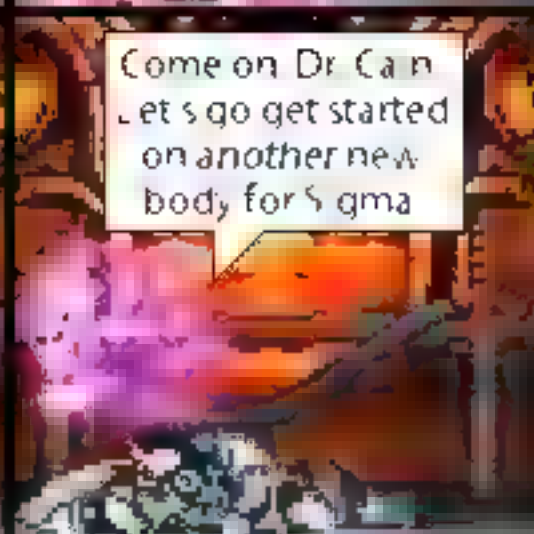
You... have your  
answer... now stop...  
anti-virus program...


Okay to turn t off all  
we have to do is press  
Zero's left boob... ght

m not doing  
it you do it

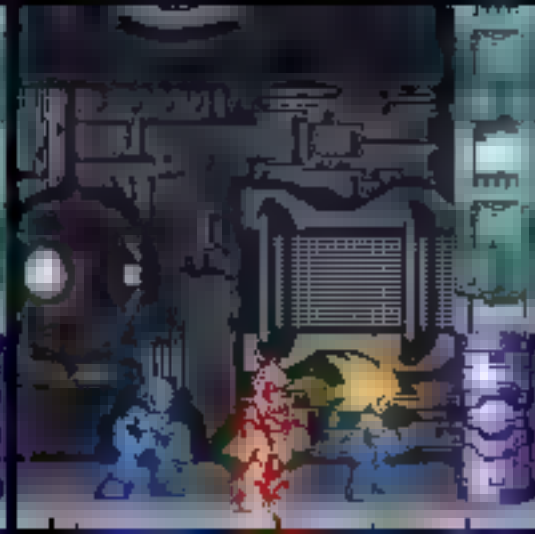
Where's X? He'd do t








A right here we are  
Just past this door are  
the answers to all of  
our questions.



George what are  
you waiting for?



I'm preparing myself  
for the disappointment  
of the Shadowy Author  
tossing me, just  
as the door opens.

George what  
are you doing?

if you say so

Holy shit is that  
what I think it is?!

I'm not opening my eyes  
until the door is opened  
and you guys see what  
ever's on the other side

*hiss* clunk clunk clunk

Hunh I wasn't  
expecting this.

clank clank clank  
clank clank clank

George you should  
probably see this.



sign

Kinesis: What did you just do to me?

Oh, just a little "What if?" scenario in your brain

Most people never break out of it. They want to believe the illusion so badly they eventually break down mentally

The illusion becomes deception, and they go insane. But not you...

You know, you have an unusually strong mind for one so stupid

Stop d?!

Yes. What else could explain the immense effort you're expending to stop your brother?

Why can't you just leave well enough alone? Don't you think he has your best interests in mind?

Do you have any idea how many times Bob has tried to kill me?

Oh he was just playing


George neither Bob nor  
want to hurt you but if  
you don't stop this non-  
sense we may have to

in fact would much  
appreciate it if you'd  
stop struggling so much  
against my stasis field


But anyway I'm gonna  
keep struggling as long  
as want you Captain  
Picard wannabe reject

Hey I was never in  
the Captain Picard  
fan club and they  
didn't kick me out

I wondered why  
wasn't moving...




So what did I miss while I was time-shifting?




You mean while you were just standing there slack jawed and drooling?

Yes. Then



Well Dr Light and Mynd put up a ferocious fight, but then Dr Light set his robot form to self destruct, which knocked Mynd out



My God, Blues, what have I done?

What you had to do  
What you always do



Where's Mynd now?

We currently have him tied up and awaiting painful interrogation

Mynd Tell us what Bob is up to or we will hurt you

Go ahead I've been trained since birth to resist all forms of physical torture

Physical? Who said physical? We're going to make you watch "The War at Home"

I'll talk



What is my brother up to?

The answers you seek  
lie off screen stage left

What over there  
by all those ninjas?

No further

Over there?

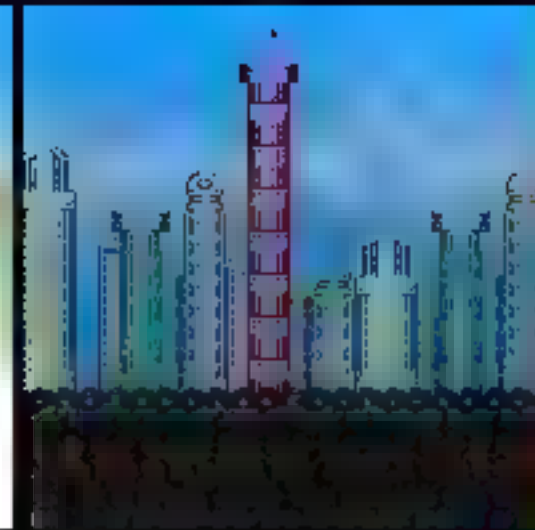
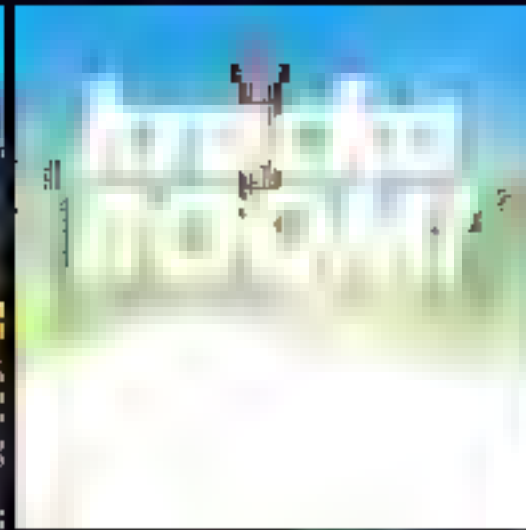
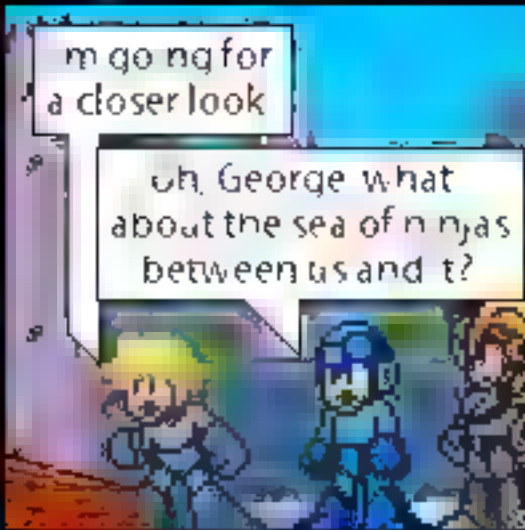
That little thing on  
top of that building?

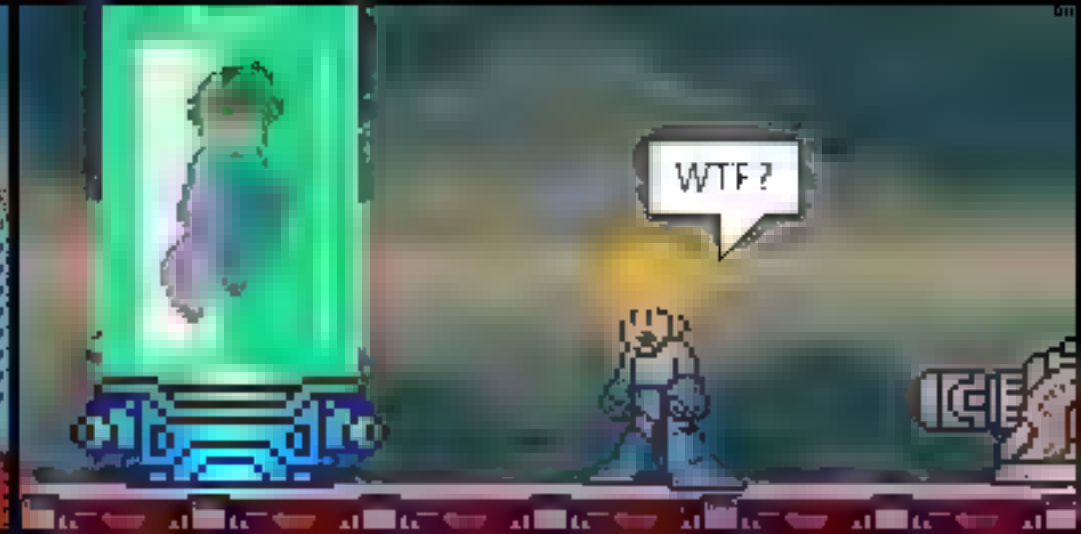
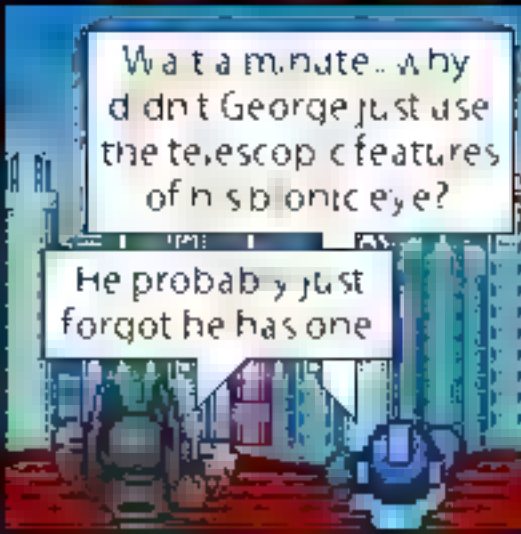
What is that?

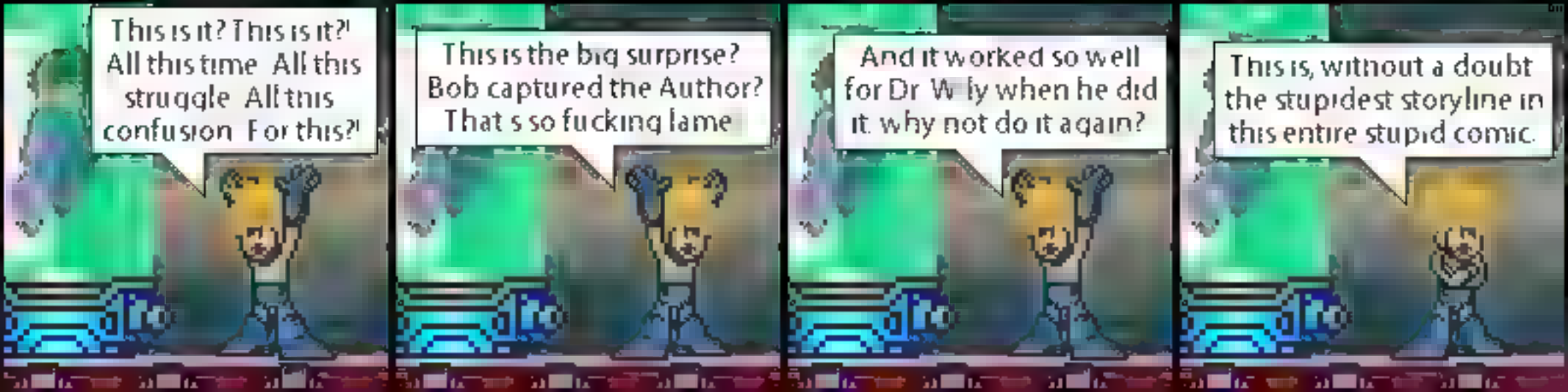
Mynd?

Aw damn it

How did we not  
see this coming?





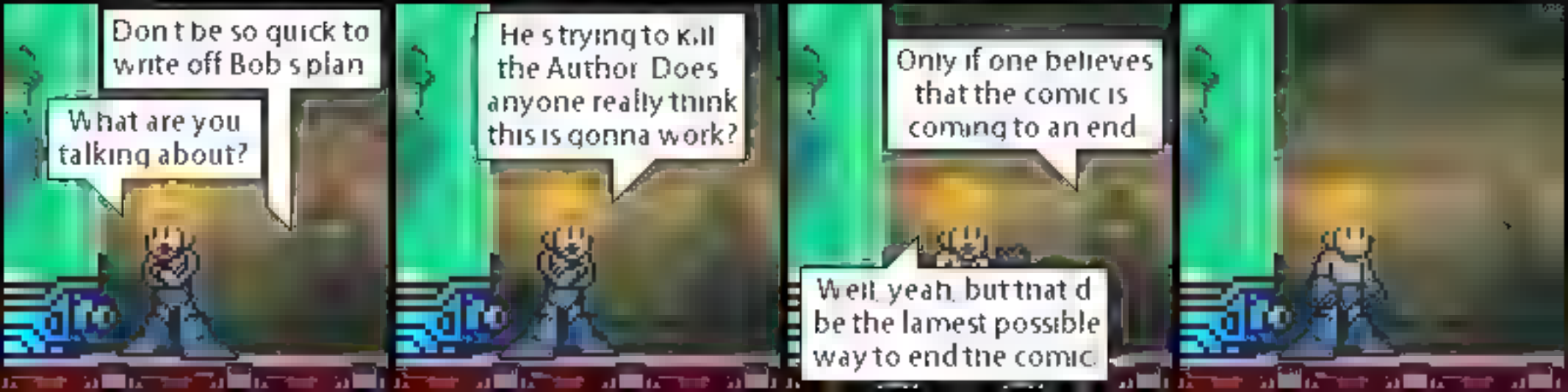


This is it? This is it?  
All this time All this  
struggle All this  
confusion For this?

This is the big surprise?  
Bob captured the Author?  
That's so fucking lame

And it worked so well  
for Dr. Wily when he did  
it. why not do it again?

This is, without a doubt  
the stupidest storyline in  
this entire stupid comic.




Don't be so quick to write off Bob's plan

What are you talking about?

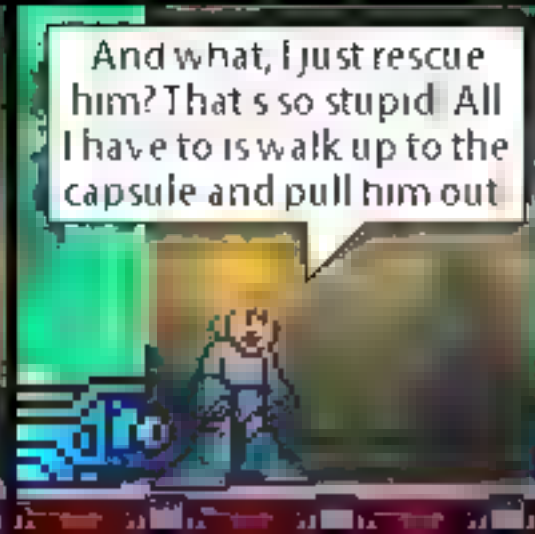
He's trying to kill the Author. Does anyone really think this is gonna work?

Only if one believes that the comic is coming to an end


Well, yeah, but that'd be the lamest possible way to end the comic.

A character with blonde hair and a blue shirt is standing in a room with a green wall and a yellow light source. A speech bubble is coming from them.


So what? Bob's got the Author held captive in the three time periods?

The same character is standing in the same room. A speech bubble is coming from them.

Something like that

The same character is standing in the same room. A speech bubble is coming from them.

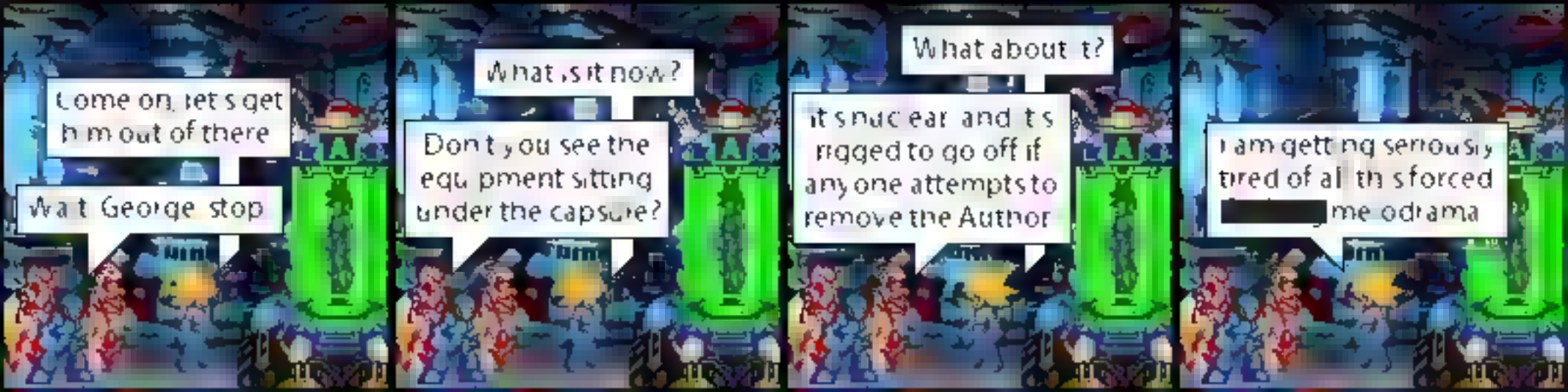
And what, I just rescue him? That's so stupid. All I have to do is walk up to the capsule and pull him out.

The same character is standing in the same room. A speech bubble is coming from them.

If you think it's that simple, good luck.

The same character is standing in the same room. A speech bubble is coming from them.

Whatever



Come on, let's get  
him out of there

Wait George stop

What is it now?

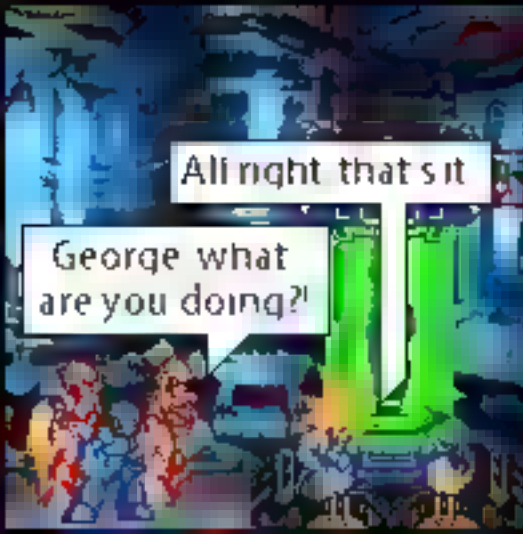
Don't you see the  
equipment sitting  
under the capsule?

What about it?

It's nuclear and it's  
rigged to go off if  
any one attempts to  
remove the Author

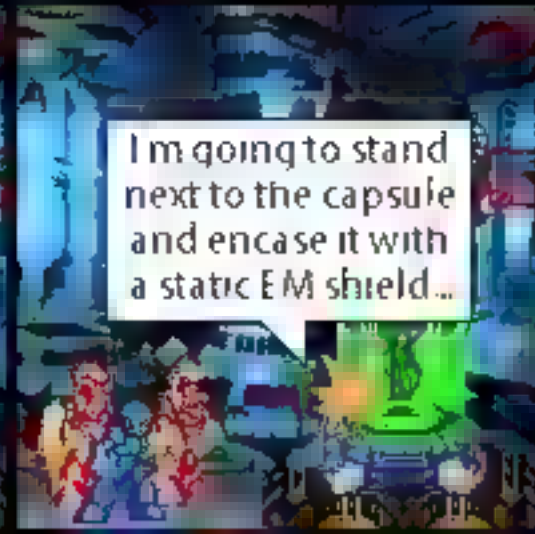
I am getting seriously  
tired of all this forced  
[redacted] me odrama



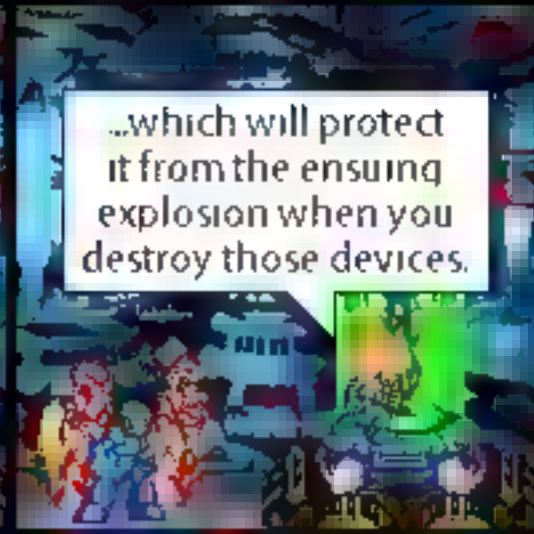
A comic panel showing a character in a blue suit standing next to a glowing green capsule. A speech bubble from the character says "George what are you doing?".

George what are you doing?


All right that's it

A comic panel showing the character in the blue suit standing next to the glowing green capsule. A speech bubble from the character says "I'm going to stand next to the capsule and encase it with a static EM shield...".

I'm going to stand next to the capsule and encase it with a static EM shield...

A comic panel showing the character in the blue suit standing next to the glowing green capsule. A speech bubble from the character says "...which will protect it from the ensuing explosion when you destroy those devices.".

...which will protect it from the ensuing explosion when you destroy those devices.

A comic panel showing the character in the blue suit standing next to the glowing green capsule. A speech bubble from the character says "You can do that?".

You can do that?

[redacted] better



George are you  
sure about this?

No. but do it anyway

I think this is  
a baaad idea

Look you guys have  
been with me a long  
time You just have to  
trust me on this one

Okay ready? On the  
count of three...

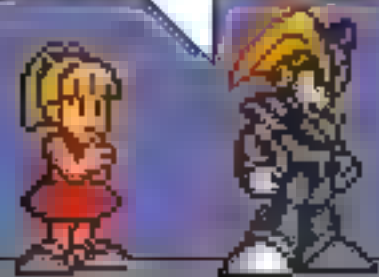
One...

Two...

Uh guys?

You might want to back  
up a bit farther from the  
nuclear weapon you're  
about to blow up

even be introduced  
until the 7th game!  
I tell you they  
don't care about



Hey, what's that  
bright white light  
headed this way?



Bass are you okay?  
What was that?



Hey, do you smell  
something burning?



Red! Your dress is red!

Oh [REDACTED]



Cannon charged  
and ready!



I've always loved you man

Don't make me hurt you



Cannon charged  
and ready!



I've always loved you man

Don't make me hurt you



Cannon charged  
and ready!  
**Fire!**

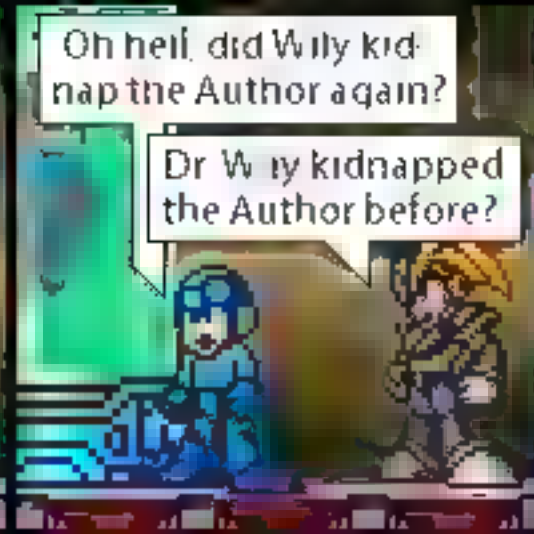


I've always loved you man

Don't make me hurt you



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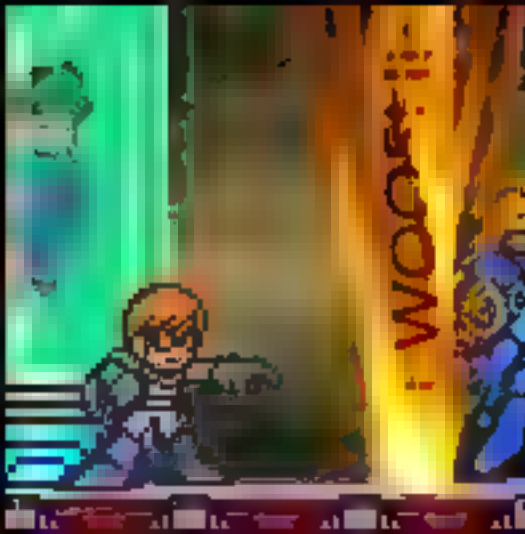


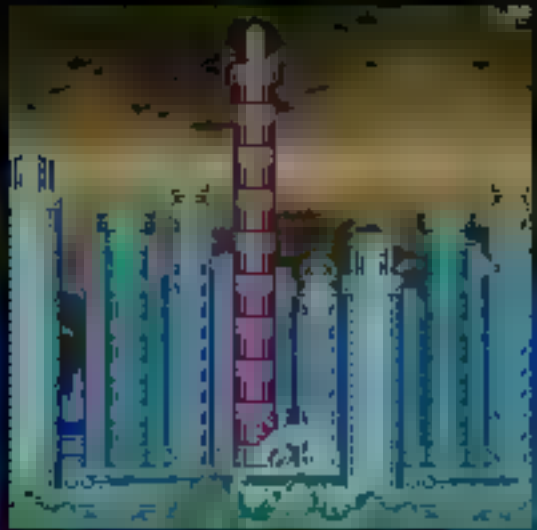
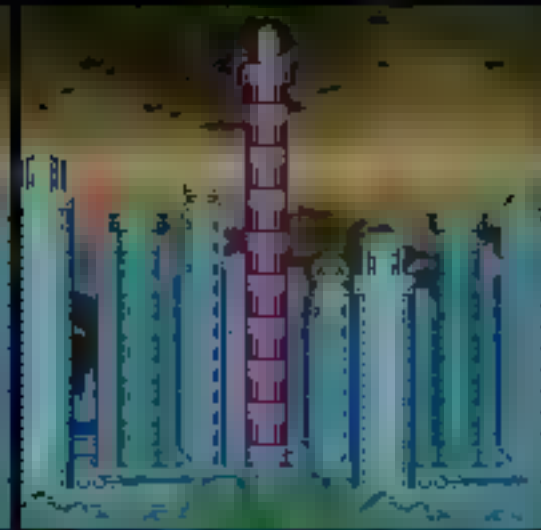
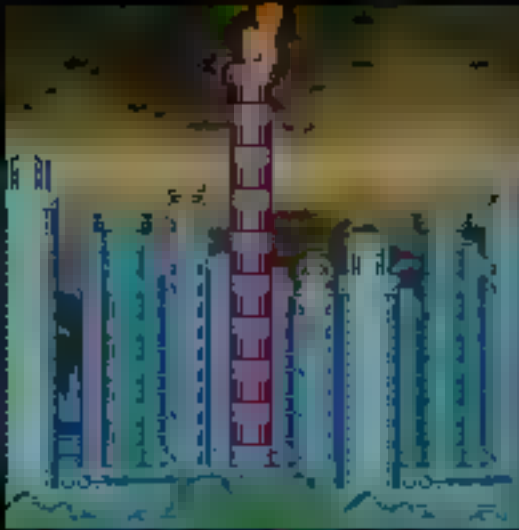
Wait a minute where's  
George? Didn't he just  
teleport up here?

Hey, you're right!  
Where in the hell  
did he vanish to?

Figures. There's never  
a title character around  
when you need one.

Will I do?

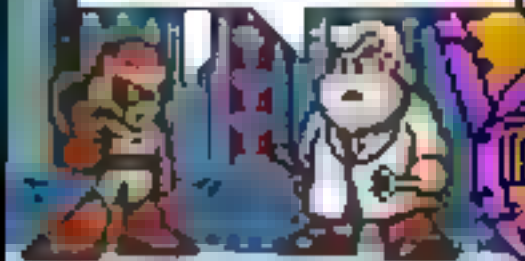






Dr Light how's the  
extraction coming?

Slooly You and Vynd  
were easy to separate



But Chadang and  
Nate are proving  
more difficult



Say what was that  
noise I just heard?

Did it sound like Vega  
Van and Bass falling off a  
building to their deaths?



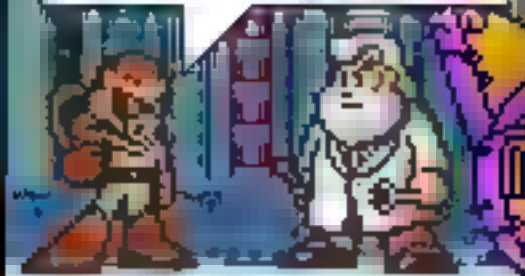
Yes, actually  
that's exactly



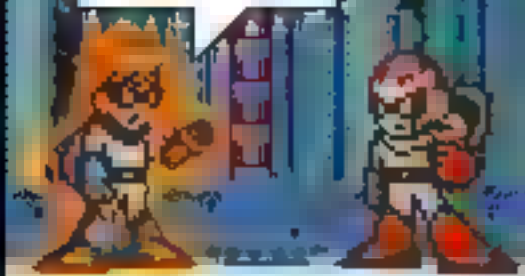
Oh confound it all



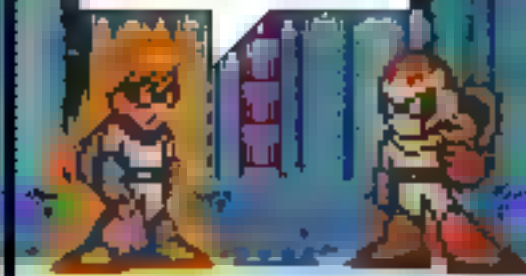
Think I should go up to  
the top of the tower and  
see what's going on?



No need I'll  
come to you

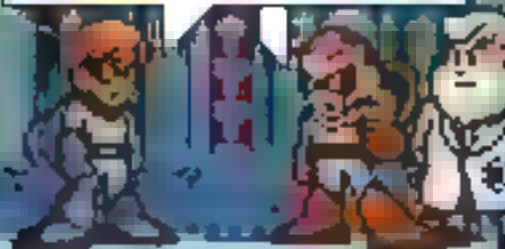


And they say no  
one makes house  
calls anymore



Bob?

Nice to see you too  
Proto Man I believe we  
still have a fight to finish



What? That was  
seven years ago

Yes, well better  
late than never



h and Dr. Light How  
good to see you too



I'm sorry do I know you?

I certainly hope so  
I'll be your executioner  
this fine evening



I'm sorry what's going on here?

Oh Light this is Bob George's brother

George has a brother?

Of course He tried to kill us seven years ago

Oh right The one Nate knocked into the dimensional portal


To be fair that bitch sucker punched me

Anyway as part of my grand scheme it's time to kill the both of you

What what's your grand scheme?

Oh ho ho don't think you can get me to start monologuing now

I'd much rather see you dead than informed




don't understand.  
Bob why are you  
doing this?

Oh Proto Man do  
I really need a reason?  
Can't kill for the sheer  
pleasure of killing?


You're a soc.opath

Pah-tay to pah-tah-to

You say soc.opath. I say  
someone who just has a  
fry chip on his shoulder


A pixelated comic strip panel showing a character with brown hair and a purple shirt on the left, and a character with brown hair and a white shirt on the right. A large yellow flame or explosion is between them. The character on the left is speaking.

Well, since you're  
about to die any-  
way, suppose the  
real reason I'm...


A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the left is now silent, and the character on the right is speaking. The yellow flame is still present.

Excuse me

Yes?

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the left is now silent, and the character on the right is silent. The yellow flame is still present. The word "BAMF!" is written in large, bold, black letters across the center of the panel.

**BAMF!**

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same two characters. The character on the left is now silent, and the character on the right is speaking. The yellow flame is still present.

That's for steal-  
ing my  
ninja, asshole

Mike?

I'm not Mike I'm Ned And I'm gonna kick this guy's ass.

**CRACKF!**

By the way looks like you could use a new shield Here take mine

I'm not going to need it  
catch!

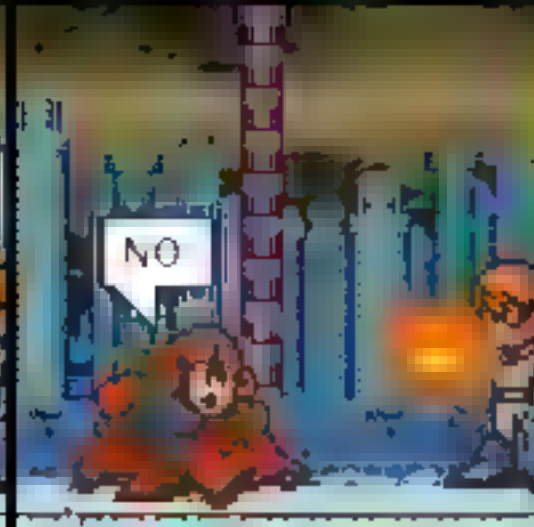












What the hell? That's impossible. No mortal's arms can move that fast.

They can, if they're born in China.

Mike... you saved me...  
But, I tried to kill you...

Well, yeah, you're basically my enemy, right?

Besides, it's my fault you're in this situation, since I'm the one who kicked you in the head.


And speaking of stupid things, why aren't you just using your shield?

Be on your arms or no, you still  
can't keep this up all day.  
Sooner or later you'll get  
tired and then you'll fry.

Hey Bob, aren't you  
forgetting something?

What?


Sorry, we were  
feeling neglected.



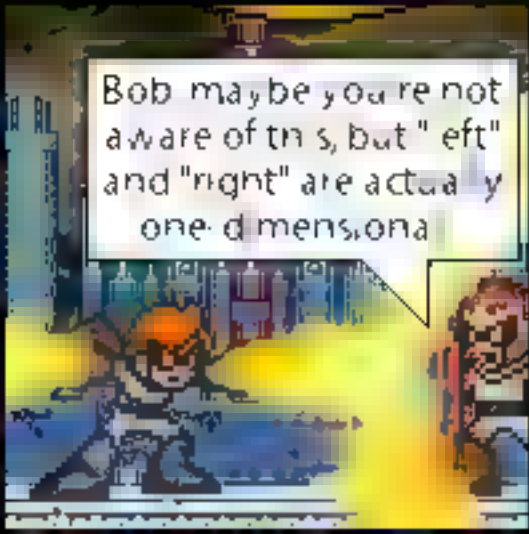
I'm so sorry I didn't  
realize you wanted  
some of this too...




Good thing I've got enough for everyone



Finally something good  
about being stuck in a two-  
dimensional comic strip

A pixelated comic strip panel showing a character with red hair and a red shirt standing in a city at night. A large speech bubble is coming from them.

Bob maybe you're not aware of this, but "left" and "right" are actually one-dimensional.

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same character in the same city at night. A speech bubble is coming from them.

Yeah yeah two-dimensional also includes up and...


A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same character in the same city at night. A small speech bubble is coming from them.

Oh he.

A pixelated comic strip panel showing the same character in the same city at night. A speech bubble is coming from them.

I hate this comic.





You gonna stay down  
Bob or are we gonna  
have to put you down?

You know I tried to  
play fair I really did  
But clearly that's not  
working for me

t st me to pay d ity

She ds up



What the hell? You're  
encasing us in shields?

Not just any shields,  
Proto Man slowly  
shrinking shields.

It's just a little something  
I picked up from a guy  
I met in a demi-plane.

Oh this is double-  
plus good, isn't it?

What's the matter  
Proto Man? Aren't  
you going to cry for  
help like last time?



I don't need to  
help is already  
on the way




Oh really? You planned for  
this contingency did you?  
What to do in case I encase  
you all in fiery spheres?



tsPanQ





Mike I think it's  
time to leave


What? But we're  
stuck in this shed

We, Ninja Vanish

Oh, er... I'm not  
very good at that

Don't worry, I guide  
you just remember:  
Destination, Determination,  
at on De-berat on

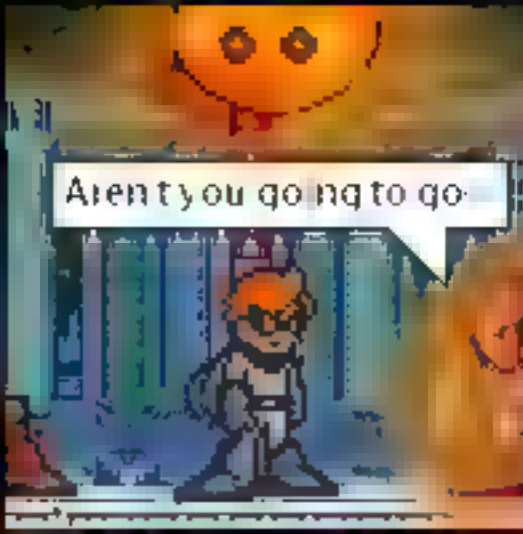
Hey Potter Something  
you wanna share with  
the rest of the class?




Oh god He's on  
to us! Go Go

NNANAN SH


Ew



Aren't you going to go.



Sorry Mike says  
he needs these



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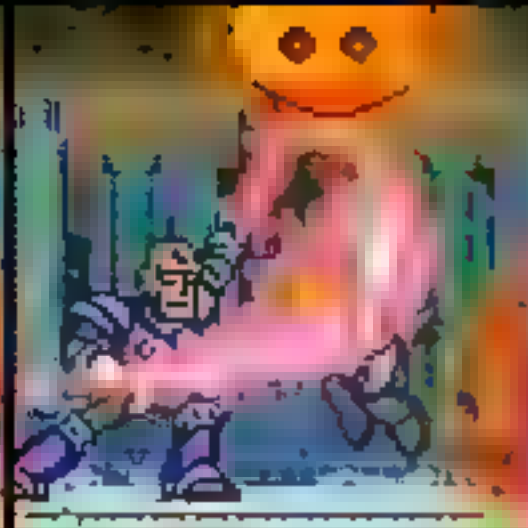


I'm sorry but I can't do that, Bob They're gone

What? What do you mean "They're gone"?


The ninjas are gone I sent them all home

What? Why in the [REDACTED] would you do that?




Because I'm not your Mynd



A comic panel showing a man in a purple robe with a yellow collar and a woman with orange hair in a dark, rocky environment. The man is speaking.


You—you're the Mynd  
from this dimension?

That's right


A comic panel showing the same man and woman. The man is speaking.

But that's not possible  
You had your bloody  
arms and legs cut off

I got new ones

A comic panel showing the same man and woman. The man is speaking.

What? Where in the hell  
did you get new limbs?

A comic panel showing the same man and woman. The woman is speaking.

Oh, that would  
be my doing



For the last few months, Mike has been visiting me in my basement cell helping me to see the error of my ways. After feeling that I had been rehabilitated, Dr. Light agreed to outfit me with bionic limbs.

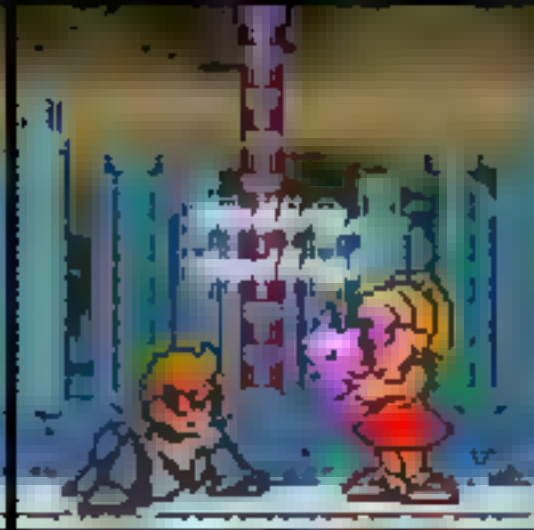
And in exchange all I had to do is distract you long enough for Rob to show up

Hi there


This is Plan R

What the hell? Why  
would they send you?  
You're not even in  
your battle armor

Oh wait let me  
guess, you merged  
with Chad, right?  
Any moment you'll





A pixel art illustration of a character with orange hair and a confused expression, looking upwards. The background shows a city with tall buildings and a cloudy sky.

Hey Bob what's happening?

Where the hell have you been? I'm in the middle of the final battle here

Oh, shit Really? Already? But what happened to the King in the Author in the three time periods thing?

I don't know I think George ~~fixed~~ it up

~~fixed~~ the characters.

Okay wait why are you fighting? What about the nin, a army?

They left The Mynd from this dimension took control of them and sent them home

Shit I was worried about that where's our Mynd?

He quit to fight his alternate

How long've they been just standing there?

Twenty minutes.

Okay Bob get a grip The  
ninja army is gone Mynd  
has abandoned you and  
you're being chased by a  
Purple Pokemon Demon



But what kind of a  
superman would  
you be if this is all  
it took to stop you?

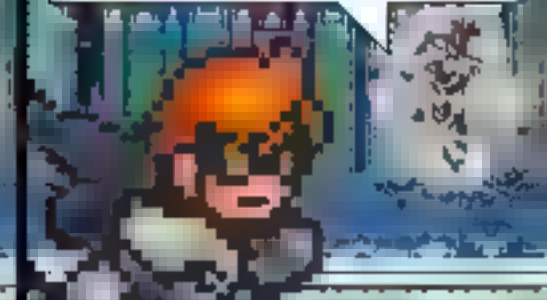


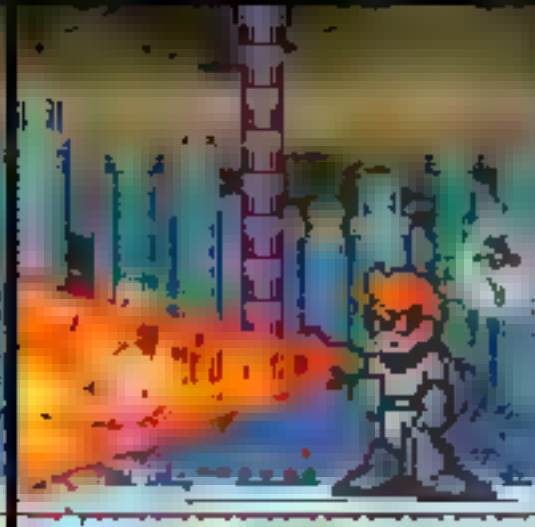
For [REDACTED]'s sake you're  
a fire god Government  
leaders have cowered  
at your feet Get a grip

But...



He's not a real Pokemon







Hold it Bob we've  
got you surrounded

Do you now? Just  
the two of you?

No They've got me too

Just the two of you?





Back again?

And this time with a shield to protect me from stray all currents




That s fine but st il with only thiree of you against me you



Don't forget about me!





Nate what are you  
doing with a blaster?

You re the immense  
budgeoning fighter  
You cant use a blaster

I stand corrected

All right fine so now  
there are four of you  
it still doesn't matter

Even with four of you  
you're no match for

FWOOOSH!

Uh... is this a bad  
time? Should we  
come back later?

What the hell? What are you doing here?

After the George from our time  
disappeared in an explosion

We decided to investigate his claims  
of time travel and ended up here

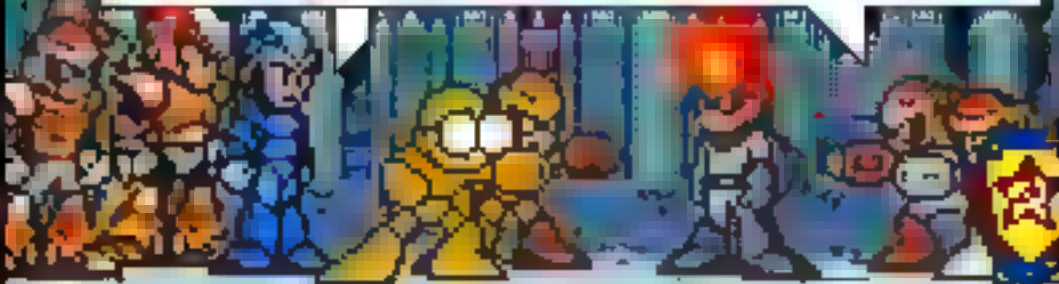
How did

Implants.

Ah

Wait a minute... what's going on here? Was George really telling the truth? Is Bob behind everything?

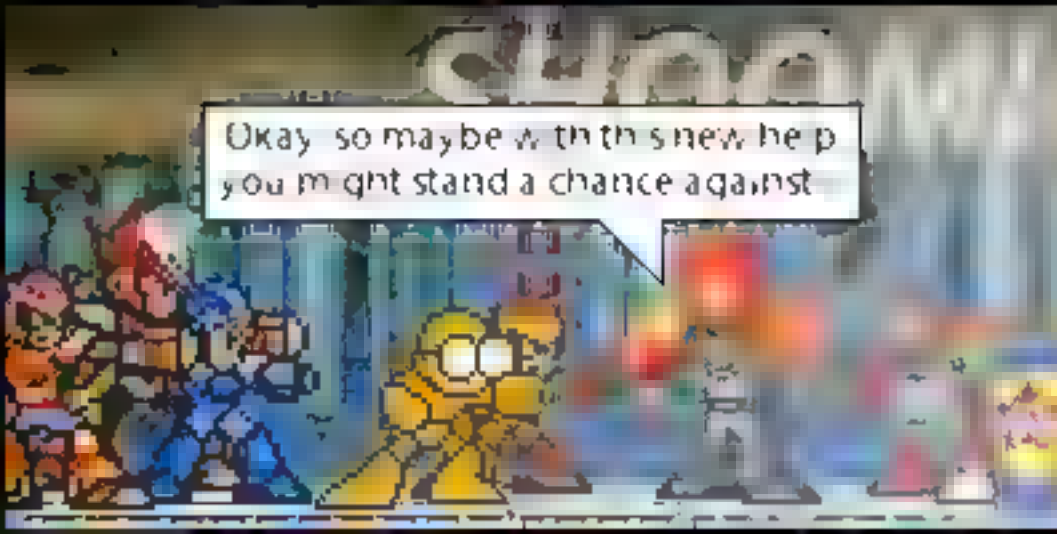
Yes, and now we're trying to force him to surrender




But since there's no chance of me surrendering I was thinking this is more like a Mexican standoff... except all the guns are pointed at me

Ooh can we play?





Okay so maybe with this new help  
you might stand a chance against



Okay this is getting  
[redacted] and curious.

Excuse us, are we in the right place?



Napalm? Where are we? What's going on here?

This is the Megaman Universe which  
I'm preparing to completely destroy

You... you're going to destroy the entire universe?

I have some issues with the local god





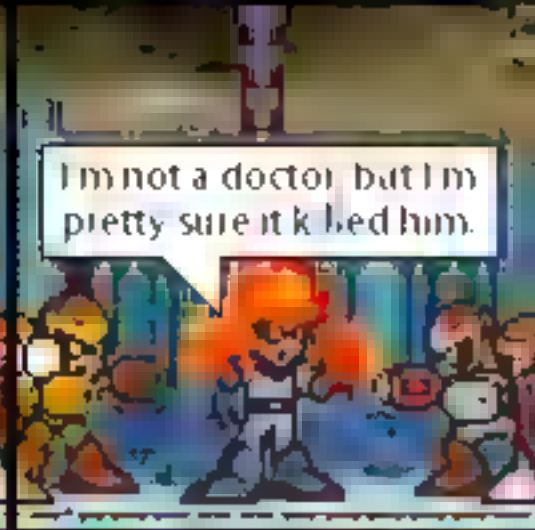
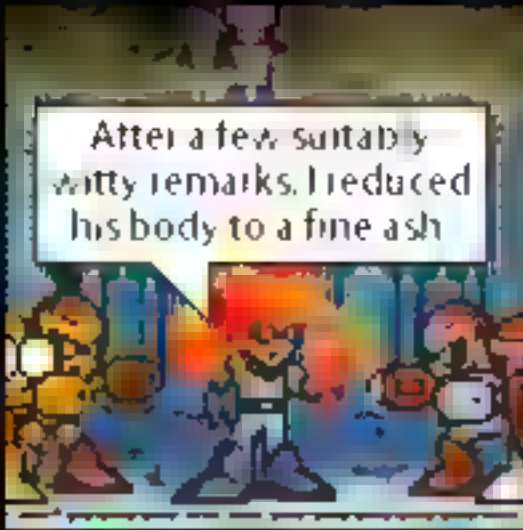
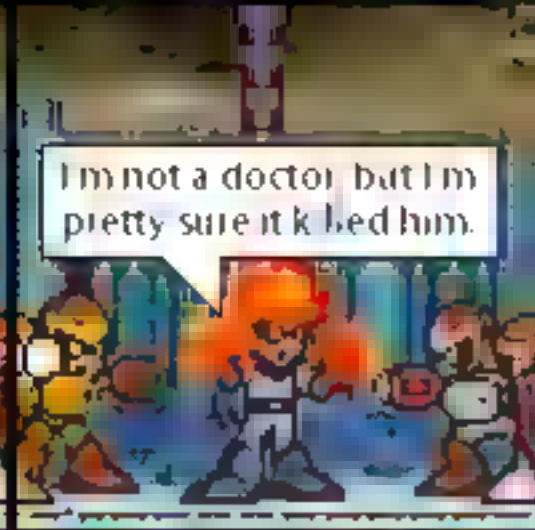
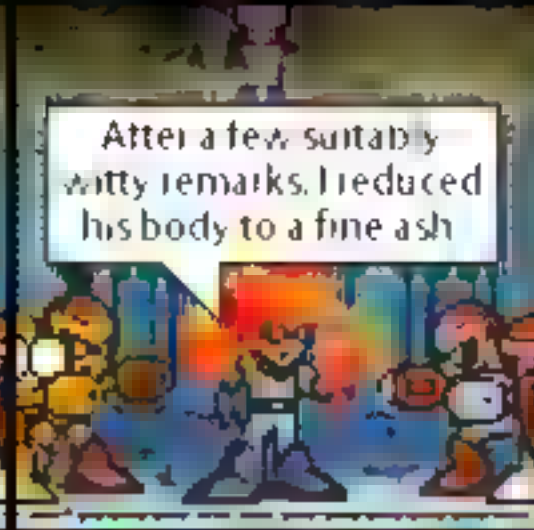
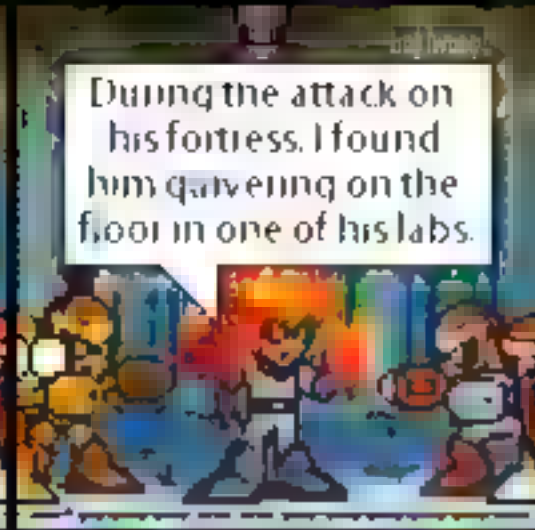
Be warned these aren't  
the same weak shells you  
faced off against last time

I've made some rather  
significant improve-  
ments to the Instant  
Robot Maker recently

But why would I  
give you access to his  
Instant Robot Maker?

Oh he didn't

I killed him



You... you killed some-  
one You really actually  
killed someone this time

Yes, I know

And it felt good

You've crossed the line  
Bob Human or no now  
we must destroy you

Right we you FIRE!



Oh Too slow


Quick we've got to take  
out that shield before the  
Robot Masters get here

BLAM! BLAM!  
BLAM! BLAM!

It's not working. The  
shield is too strong

Well what did  
we do last time?

How the hell should  
we know? None of  
us were there and you  
quit reading the comic.



Then let's concentrate  
on the Robot Masters.  
I remember them.

Okay what did  
you do last time?

Um

Oh yeah that




What the hell is that?

I can see that. Where the  
hell did it come from?

It's Mega Hulk


Oh that would  
be our doing



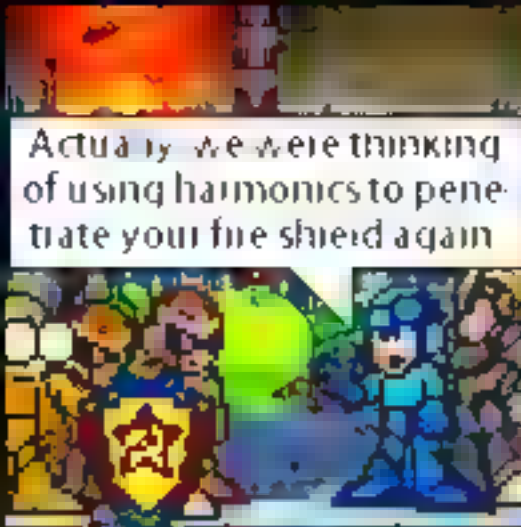


You what are  
you doing here?

We're not really sure  
we built a time machine  
to take us home and  
ended up here instead



You're not gonna  
drop another asteroid  
on me are you?

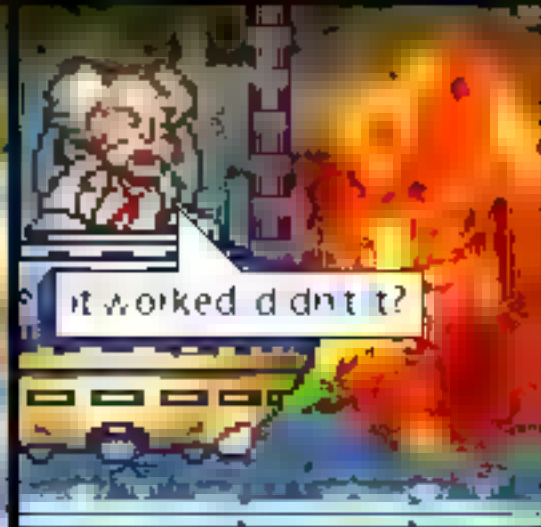
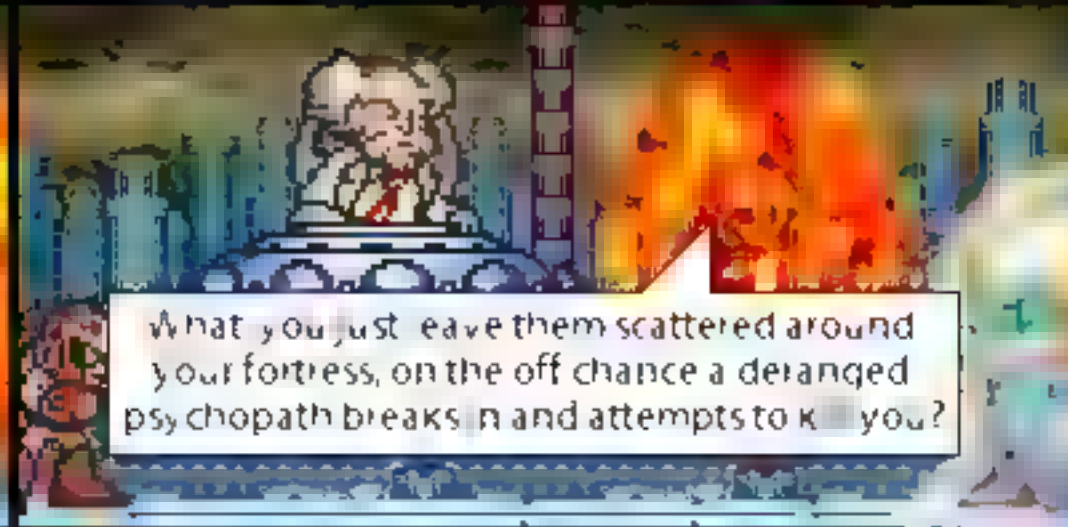




Fine Whatever Stay behind your stupid shield  
It doesn't matter I can't protect you from the  
inevitable advance of Robot Masters coming

Excuse me but don't I get a say in this?  
After all they are my Robot Masters.

God damn it Why won't anyone  
just fucking die in this comic?




You know I have no idea why I play these stupid little supervillain games with you people. They never ever work.

And we even do. So go back and forth. I come up with a trap, you find some clever way to break out of it. It's a stupid vicious cycle.


Well, I'm ending it right here. I'm going to leave you to the Robot Masters now, and then, just go up there and kill the Author.

Any questions?


Is this gonna be on the test?




Quick we need to teleport  
up there and stop him!



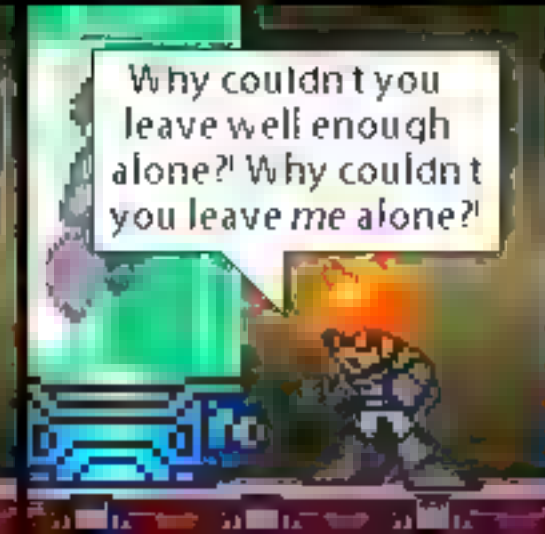
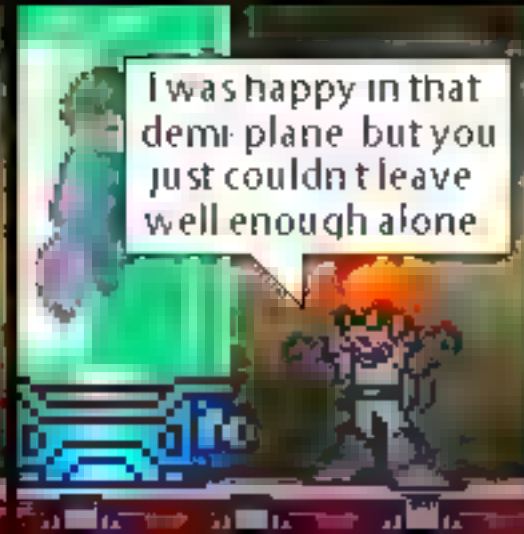
We can't He's inhibiting  
teleportation somehow.

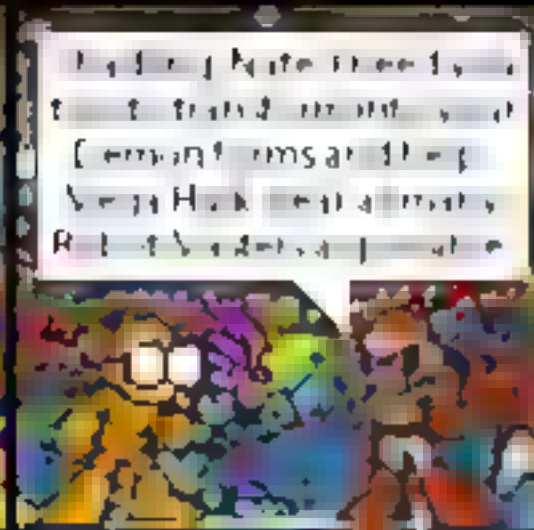
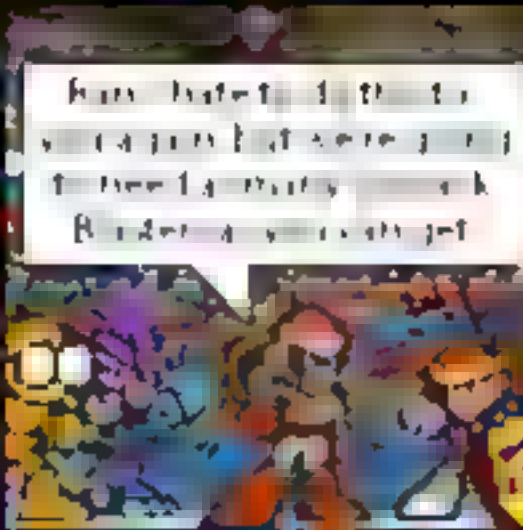


So we're going to have  
to fight our way through  
this sea of Robot Masters  
to get to him. aren't we?



Somebody better go  
reconstitute Chad now







As you Zettai all the  
fall back to the strategy  
take the left flank

Plasma variant of  
Delta Force team take  
the rest. The rest of us  
will take the front line

What about our left flank?

The left have the left

Tell me again why  
we agreed to help?

B... [ F R ] N

But I waste my time  
with them. These Red  
Masters aren't the  
same as last time.

They require several  
shots to destroy, even  
with Crossed Borders.

What he needs is Vega.  
Van He always was the  
best at fighting them.

Excuse me but  
I need?



John where I I  
you all come from?

We're not exactly sure

Can any of you answer  
that question?

Yes, That's exactly  
what happened

To all of us

Can any of you  
at the time we came to  
the Vietnam experience

No, just some of us  
and that's why many  
of us Veterans can



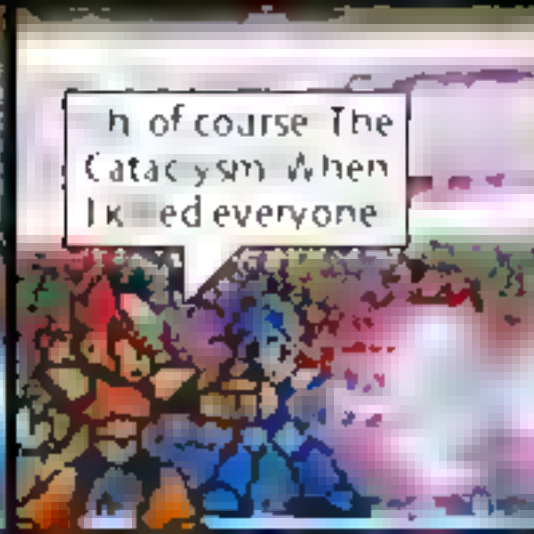
So this is the past huh?

What the hell are you  
talking about? You've  
been here before



Oh yeah I remember that

And don't forget when  
you were first activated



h of course The  
Cataclysm when  
I killed everyone



Sorry about that Dad

Don't you  
wait what?

You're all right, the  
Three-Letter Word is  
Light Green, it's not

Zero, it's not

What's going on?

You're all right, it's  
not a light green  
it's a light blue

You're all right, it's  
that the ends up, it's  
my programming, it's  
not a light green  
it's a light blue



Zero, he's right  
it's not a light green

He's not right, it's  
not a light green

All right boys, here we are  
How're those giant robot  
bodies working for you?

My ear itches but I'm  
afraid I'll decapitate  
myself if I scratch it

It's time to chew ass  
and kick bubble gum  
and I'm all outta ass

I knew we shouldn't've  
stopped at the liquor  
store on the way here

For a very long  
time, the people  
of America

have been trying to  
find a way to

About three  
or four dozen

And in a very short  
time, they have

At least

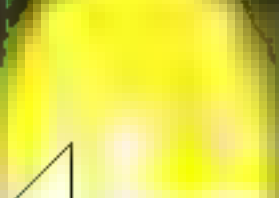
Just the same, it  
is not a very  
long time, it  
is not a very  
long time, it



You know after the hell  
you've put me through,  
maybe a simple death  
is too good for you...




Did you know that a most  
every character you've  
ever had in the comics  
down there fighting?



What do you think?  
Will a supernova be big  
enough to destroy every  
thing you've created?

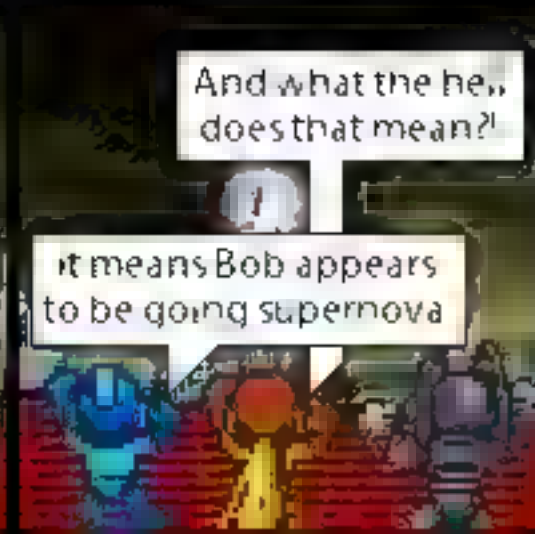


Wonder if anyone  
knows how to stop  
an exploding man...

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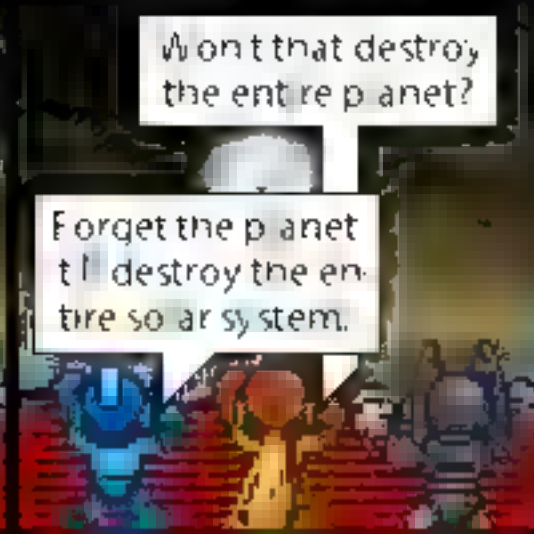
Whoa What  
the hell is that?

Looks like a gravitic  
fusion reaction

A comic strip panel showing the same character looking up with a more concerned expression. A speech bubble is above their head.


And what the hell  
does that mean?

It means Bob appears  
to be going supernova

A comic strip panel showing the character looking up with a very serious and urgent expression. A speech bubble is above their head.


Won't that destroy  
the entire planet?

Forget the planet  
I'll destroy the en-  
tire solar system.

A comic strip panel showing the character looking up with a shocked expression. A speech bubble is above their head.

Wow He must  
be really pissed



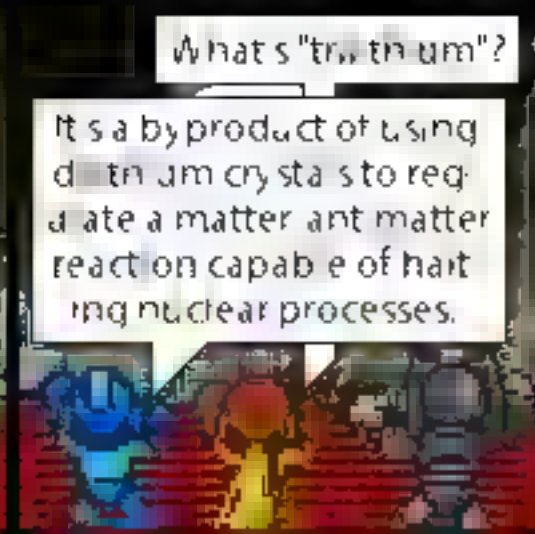
A comic strip panel showing three characters in a control room. On the left, a blue robot with a single eye and a red antenna. In the center, a yellow robot with a red antenna. On the right, a grey robot with a red antenna. They are all looking towards the right. A large, bright, circular light source is visible in the background.

Can we even stop something like that?

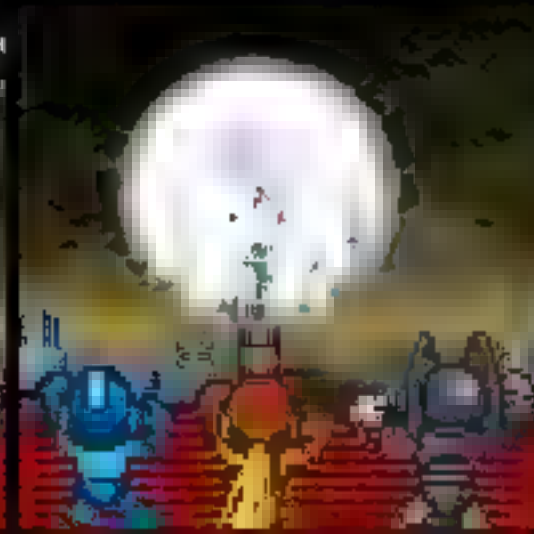
Got any tritium in this dimension?

What's "tritium"?

It's a byproduct of using deuterium crystals to regulate a matter-antimatter reaction capable of halting nuclear processes.

A comic strip panel showing the same three characters in the control room. The blue robot is now speaking. The yellow robot is looking at the blue robot. The grey robot is looking at the blue robot. The large, bright, circular light source is still visible in the background.

We'll take that as a no.

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You guys are such dorks.



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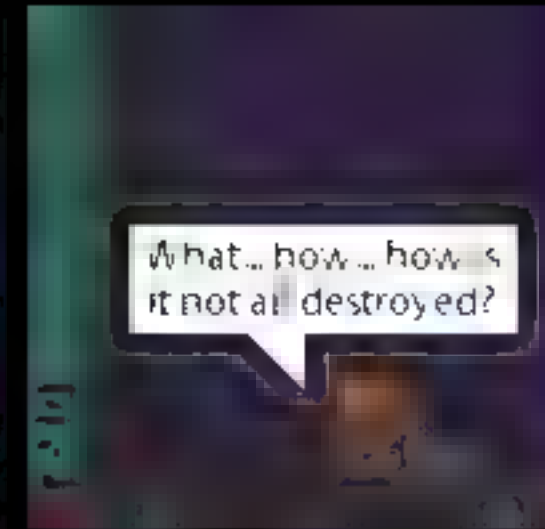
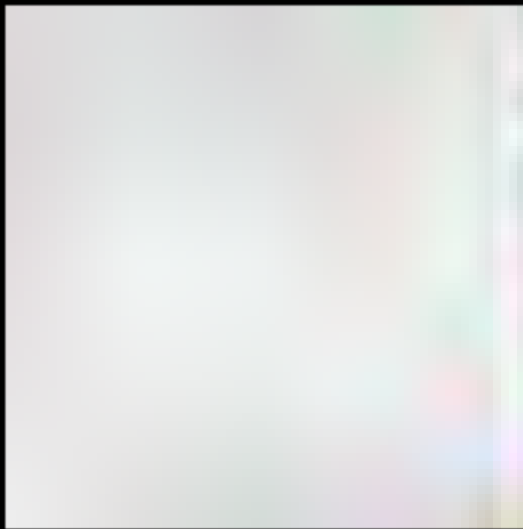
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Handwritten musical notation on three staves. The notation includes various notes, rests, and bar lines, typical of a musical score. The handwriting is in black ink on aged, slightly yellowed paper.







You stopped me

More like I stopped  
the damage you  
would've caused

Oh, I bet you just  
think you're so damn  
clever don't you...

George

*riiiip!*

You knew?

Of course, I did. The signs were obvious.

The real Shadowy Author's eyes are red and his text boxes don't connect to him.

Not to mention the noticeable changes in powers and attitude.

Why didn't you say anything?

What and ruin the surprise for the readers?

So, not only did you get me to reprogram X, but you're also the one responsible for sending yourself through time to thwart my plans?

But how? Your powers don't work like that.

Ah, well, after I saved the Author in the past, I met the real Shadowy Author.

He lent me some of his power, and we planned out this entire grand finale, including the transportation of all those Alternates.

By the way, the Author was right, wasn't he? It is fun manipulating events in the comic.

Yup.

Indeed...

Well, now that we've solved that mystery, time for me to finish killing the Author.

What?!

You didn't really think your appearance or little revelation was going to change anything, didja?

But I'm here to stop you!

But you can't stop me. Your powers don't affect me. Now, move aside.

What if I don't?

Your powers don't affect me either!

George, I don't need my powers to kick your ass.

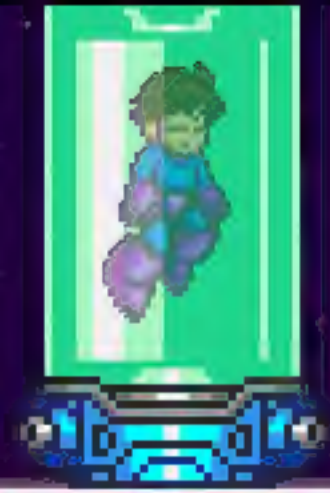
Stop, Bob! I mean it!

Oh-ho! You mean it now!



I can't let you do this!

Oh, really? And what are you going to do to stop...



...me?





Oh! Your blaster!  
You finally got it  
to work! Bravo!

But we both know you  
don't have the balls to  
use it! You never did  
and you never will!

Now, if you'll  
excuse me...

I've got an Author to--

*click!*